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SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE aka
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(OO:NEW YORK)

Re Miami airtel dated 1/21/64.

For the information of Miami, local NY newspapers have recently carried stories which indicate that subject has spent a week in Miami, Florida, vacationing with his wife BETTY, and their three young daughters. According to the articles, subject and his family were the guests of heavyweight contender BASSIUS CLAY while in Miami.

CLAY and subject returned together by plane to NYC on 1/21/64. That same evening, CLAY was the guest of honor and speaker at a Dinner Social sponsored by the FOI and MGT of Mosque #7, NYC, held in Rockland Palace, 8th Avenue and 155th St., NYC. Subject did not attend the affair, and CLAY reportedly returned to Miami the following day. In a newspaper interview CLAY advised that his managers did not know that he was making this trip to NYC, and they were quite upset about it.

On 12/4/63, subject was temporarily suspended by NOI leader ELIJAH MUHAMMAD for remarks subject made in NYC on 12/1/63, relative to the assassination of former President KENNEDY. Since

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67C then subject has been forbidden to speak in public and has not outwardly engaged in any NOI activity, although he is still considered the Minister of Mosque #7. He has spent his time relaxing in his Queens home and working on a book about the NOI. [REDACTED] in NY did not know of his trip to Miami.

The only NOI subject from NY who might be identical to the [REDACTED] seen at Miami International Airport on 1/19/64 with subject, is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is a former theatrical agent who joined Mosque #7 in November, 1963. Because of his background he has been used by Mosque #7 to attempt to obtain entertainment for several NOI affairs. He is described as follows by [REDACTED]

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There is no photograph of [REDACTED] available, and an active investigation is not being conducted on him by the NYO since he holds no official NOI position. A review of his file reflects no information that would indicated he was traveling to Miami.

67D Any information developed by Miami from [REDACTED] and public sources, including newspapers, relative to subject's visit to Miami, should be furnished to the NYO.

Mr. W.C. Sullivan

Mr. J.F. Bland

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

2-7-64

1- Mr. Belmont
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Elijah Muhammad, the leader of the Black Muslim group, and his principal Lieutenant, Malcolm X Little, have been feuding since Muhammad silenced Little publicly and officially for making stupid and ill-timed remarks to the effect that the assassination of President Kennedy gave him (Little) pleasure.

Little is probably the most dynamic and forceful Nation of Islam (NOI) spokesman in the movement and the attached memorandum, which is worded in most general terms, could possibly widen the rift between Muhammad and Little and possibly result in Little's expulsion from the NOI.

The information set forth in enclosed memorandum has been the subject of considerable discussion within the NOI and its disclosure will not prejudice our investigation or sources.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the enclosed memorandum be routed to Assistant Director DeLoach for his consideration.

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**The Rift Widens between Elijah Muhammad
and his Principal Lieutenant Malcolm X Little**

The rift between Elijah Muhammad, self-proclaimed Messenger of Allah and the leader of the fanatical Black Muslim hate group, and his erstwhile Lieutenant Malcolm X Little appears to be widening. Little was silenced officially and publicly by Muhammad a short while after President Kennedy's assassination inasmuch as Little had made stupid and ill-timed remarks to the effect that President Kennedy's death gave him pleasure.

Little has not taken this disciplinary action gracefully and he has attempted to develop sympathy and backing for his position among other leaders of the Black Muslims in various sections of the country. He evidently feels that Elijah Muhammad is in his declining years and that he is slipping. It is no secret that Little would not hesitate one moment to take over the leadership of the Nation of Islam (NOI) and incidentally begin living in the regal style which Elijah Muhammad enjoys. While Muhammad may be getting older, he is far from ready to hand over the reins of the NOI and all the affluent service benefits that go with it to Little. Muhammad is reportedly fuming at the tenacity Little has exhibited in questioning the "Messenger's" judgment and it would not surprise anyone at all familiar with the works of the NOI to see Little summarily expelled from this organization if he continues to buck the orders and wishes of Elijah Muhammad.

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a candid conversation with the militant major-domo of the black muslims

"Within the past five years, the militant American Negro has become an increasingly active combatant in the struggle for civil rights. Espousing the goals of unqualified equality and integration, many of these outspoken insurgents have participated in freedom rides and protest marches against their segregationist foes. Today, they face opposition from not one, but two inimical exponents of racism and segregation: the white supremacists and the Black Muslims. A relatively unknown and insignificant radical religious Negro cult until a few years ago, the Muslims have grown into a dedicated, disciplined nationwide movement which runs its own school, publishes its own newspaper, owns stores and restaurants in four major cities, buys broadcast time on 50 radio stations throughout the country, stages mass rallies attended by partisan crowds of 10,000 and more, and maintains its own police force of judo-trained athletes called the Fruit of Islam.

Predicated on the proposition that the black man is morally, spiritually and intellectually superior to the white man, who is called a "devil," Muslim doctrine dooms him to extermination in an imminent Armageddon - along with Christianity itself, which is denounced as an opiate designed to lull Negroes - with the promise of heaven - into passive acceptance of inferior social status. Amalgamating elements of Christianity and Mohammedanism (both of which officially and unequivocally disown it) and spiked with a black-supremacy version of Hitler's Aryan racial theories, Muslimism was founded in 1931 by Elijah Poole, a Georgia-born ex-factory worker who today commands unquestioning obedience from thousands of followers as the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Messenger of Allah. At the right hand of God's Messenger stands 36-year-old Malcolm Little, a lanky onetime dining-car steward, bootlegger, pimp and dope pusher who left prison in 1952 to heed Muhammad's message, abandoned his "slave name," Little, for the symbolic "X" (meaning identity unknown), and took an oath to abstain thereafter from smoking, drinking, gambling, cursing, dancing and sexual promiscuity - as required of every Muslim. The ambitious young man rose swiftly to become the Messenger's most ardent and erudite disciple, and today wields all but absolute authority over the movement and its membership as Muhammad's business manager, trouble shooter, prime minister and heir apparent.

In the belief that knowledge and awareness are necessary and effective antitoxins against the venom of hate, PLAYBOY asked Malcolm X to submit to a cross-examination on the means and ends of his organization. The ensuing interview was conducted at a secluded table in a Harlem restaurant owned by the Muslims. Interrupting his replies occasionally with a sip of black African coffee and whispered asides to deferential aides, the dark-suited minister of Harlem's Muslim Temple Number Seven spoke with candor and - except for moments of impassioned execration of all whites - the impersonal tone of a self-assured corporation executive.

Many will be shocked by what he has to say; others will be outraged. Our own view is that this interview is both an eloquent statement and a damning self-indictment of one noxious facet of rampant racism. As such, we believe it merits publication and reading.

PLAYBOY: What is the ambition of the Black Muslims?
MALCOLM X: Freedom, justice and equality are our principal ambitions. And to faithfully serve and follow the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is the guiding goal of every Muslim. Mr. Muhammad teaches us the knowledge of our own selves, and of our own people. He cleans us up - morally, mentally and spiritually - and he reforms us of the vices that have blinded us here in the Western society. He stops black men from getting drunk, stops their dope addiction if they had it, stops nicotine, gambling, stealing, lying, cheating, fornication, adultery, prostitution, juvenile delinquency. I think of this whenever somebody talks about someone investigating us. Why investigate the Honorable Elijah Muhammad? They should subsidize him. He's cleaning up the mess that white men have made. He's saving the Government millions of dollars, taking black men off of welfare, showing them how to do something for themselves. And Mr. Muhammad teaches us love for our own kind. The white man has taught the black people in this

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country to hate themselves inferior, to hate each other, to be divided against each other. Messenger Muhammad restores our love for our own kind, which enables us to work together in unity and harmony. He shows us how to pool our financial resources and our talents, then to work together toward a common objective. Among other things, we have small businesses in most major cities in this country, and we want to create many more. We are taught by Mr. Muhammad that it is very important to improve the black man's economy, and his thrift. But to do this, we must have land of our own. The brain-washed black man can never learn to stand on his own two feet until he is on his own. We must learn to become our own producers, manufacturers and traders; we must have industry of our own, to employ our own. The white man resists this because he wants to keep the black man under his thumb and jurisdiction in white society. He wants to keep the black man always dependant and begging - for jobs, food, clothes, shelter, education. The white man doesn't want to lose somebody to be supreme over. He wants to keep the black man where he can be watched and retarded. Mr. Muhammad teaches that as soon as we separate from the white man, we will learn that we can do without the white man just as he can do without us. The white man knows that once black men get off to themselves and learn they can do for themselves, the black man's full potential will explode and he will surpass the white man.

PLAYBOY: Do you feel that the Black Muslims' goal of obtaining "several states" is a practical vision?

MALCOLM X: Well, you might consider some things practical that are really impractical. Wasn't it impractical that the Supreme Court could issue a desegregation order nine years ago and there's still only eight percent compliance? Is it practical that a hundred years after the Civil War there's not freedom for the black man yet? On the record for integration you've got the President, the Congress, the Supreme Court - but show me your integration, where is it? That's practical? Mr. Muhammad teaches us to be for what's really practical - that's separation. It's more natural than integration.

PLAYBOY: In the view of many, that is highly debatable. However: In a recent interview, Negro author-lecturer Louis Lomax said, "Eighty percent, if not more, of America's 20,000,000 Negroes vibrate sympathetically with the Muslims' indictment of the white power structure. But this does not mean we agree with them in their doctrines of estrangement or with their proposed resolutions of the race problem." Does this view represent a consensus of opinion among Negroes? And if so, is it possible that your separationist and anti-Christian doctrine have the effect of alienating many of your race?

MALCOLM X: Sir, you make a mistake listening to people who tell you how much our stand alienates black men in this country. I'd guess actually we have the sympathy of 90 percent of the black people. There are 20,000,000 dormant Muslims in America. A Muslim to us is somebody who is for the black man; I don't care if he goes to the Baptist Church seven days a week. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad says that a black man is born a Muslim by nature. There are millions of Muslims not aware of it now. All of them will be Muslims when they wake up; that's what's meant by the Resurrection.

Sir, I'm going to tell you a secret; the black man is a whole lot smarter than white people think he is. The black man has survived in this country by fooling the white man. He's been dancing and grinning and white men never guessed what he was thinking. Now you'll hear the bourgeois Negroes pretending to be alienated, but they're just making the white man think they don't go for what Mr. Muhammad is saying. This Negro that will tell you he's so against us, he's just protecting the crumbs he gets from the white man's table. This kind of Negro is so busy trying to be like the white man that he doesn't know what the real masses of his own people are thinking. A fine car and house and clothes and liquor have made a lot think themselves different from their poor black brothers. But Mr. Muhammad says that Allah is going to wake up all black men to see the white man as he really is, and see what Christianity has done to them. The black masses that are waking up don't believe in Christianity anymore. All it's done for black men is help to keep them slaves.. Mr. Muhammad is teaching that Christianity, as white people see it, means that whites can have their heaven here on earth, but the black man is supposed to catch his hell here. The black man is supposed to keep believing that when he dies, he'll float up to some city with golden streets and milk and honey on a cloud somewhere. Every black man in North America has heard black Christian preachers shouting about "tomorrow in good old Beulah's Land." But the thinking black

masses today are interested in Muhammad's Land. The Prophet Land that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad talks about is right here on this earth. Intelligent black men today are interested in a religious doctrine that offers a solution to their problems right now, right here on this earth, while they are alive.

You must understand that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad represents the fulfillment of Biblical prophecy to us. In the Old Testament, Moses lived to see his enemy, Pharaoh, drowned in the Red Sea - which in essence means that Mr. Muhammad will see the completion of his work in his lifetime, that he will live to see victory gained over his enemy.

PLAYBOY: The Old Testament connection seems tenuous. Are you referring to the Muslim judgment day which your organization's newspaper, Muhammad Speaks, calls "Armageddon" and prophesies as imminent?

MALCOLM X: Armageddon deals with the final battle between God and the Devil. The Third World War is referred to as Armageddon by many white statesmen. There won't be any more war after then because there won't be any more war mongers. I don't know when Armageddon, whatever form it takes, is supposed to be. But I know the time is near when the white man will be finished. The signs are all around us. Ten years ago you couldn't have paid a Southern Negro to defy local customs. The British Lion's tail has been snatched off in black Africa. The Indonesians have booted out such would-be imperialists as the Dutch. The French, who felt for a century that Algeria was theirs, have had to run for their lives back to France. Sir, the point I make is that all over the world, the old day of standing in fear and trembling before the almighty white man is gone!

PLAYBOY: You refer to whites as the guilty and the enemy, you predict divine retribution against them; and you preach absolute separation from the white community. Do not these views substantiate that your movement is predicated on race hatred?

MALCOLM X: Sir, it's from Mr. Muhammad that the black masses are learning for the first time in 400 years the real truth of how the white man brainwashed the black man, kept him ignorant of his true history, robbed him of his self-confidence. The black masses for the first time are understanding that it's not a case of being anti-white or anti-Christain, but it's a case of seeing the true nature of the white man. We're anti-evil, anti-oppression, anti-lynching. You can't be anti- those things unless you're also anti- the oppressor and the lyncher. You can't be anti-slavery and pro-slave-master; you can't be anti-crime and pro-criminal. In fact, Mr. Muhammad teaches that if the present generation of whites would study their own race in the light of their true history, they would be anti-white themselves.

PLAYBOY: Are you?

MALCOLM X: As soon as the white man hears a black man say that he's through loving white people, then the white man accuses the black man of hating him. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad doesn't teach hate. The white man isn't important enough for the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and his followers to spend any time hating him. The white man has brainwashed himself into believing that all the black people in the world want to be cuddled up next to him. When he meets what we're talking about, he can't believe it, takes all the wind out of him. When we tell him we don't want to be around him, we don't to be like he is, he's staggered. It makes him re-evaluate his 300-year myth about the black man. What I want to know is how the white man, with the blood of black people dripping off his fingers, can have the audacity to be asking black people do they hate him. That takes a lot of nerve.

PLAYBOY: How do you reconcile your disavowal of hatred with the announcement you made last year that Allah had brought you "the good news" that 120 white Atlantans had just been killed in an air crash en route to America from Paris?

MALCOLM X: Sir, as I see the law of justice, it says as you sow, so shall you reap. The white man has reveled as the rope snapped black men's necks. He has reveled around the lynching fire. It's only right for the black man's true God, Allah, to defend us - and for us to be joyous because our God manifests his ability to inflict pain on our enemy. We Muslims believe that the white race, which is guilty of having oppressed and exploited and enslaved our people here in America, should and will be the victims of God's divine wrath. All civilized societies in their courts of justice set a sentence of execution against those deemed to be enemies of society, such as murderers and kidnapers. The presence of 20,000,000 black people here in America is proof that Uncle Sam is guilty of kidnapping - because we didn't come here voluntarily on the

Mayflower. And 400 years of lynchings condemn Uncle Sam a murderer.

PLAYBOY: We question that all-inclusive generalization. Return to your statement about the plane crash, when Dr. Ralph Bunche heard about it, he called you "mentally depraved." What is your reaction?

MALCOLM X: I know all about what Dr. Bunche said. He's always got his international mouth open. He apologized in the UN when black people protested there. You'll notice that whenever the white man lets a black man get prominent, he has a job for him. Dr. Bunche serves the white man well - he represents, speaks for and defends the white man. He does none of this for the black man. Dr. Bunche has functioned as a white man's tool, designed to influence international opinion on the Negro. The white man has Negro local tools, national tools, and Dr. Bunche is an international tool.

PLAYBOY: Dr. Bunche was only one of many prominent Negroes who deplored your statement in similar terms. What reply have you to make to these spokesmen for your own people?

MALCOLM X: Go ask their opinions and you'll be able to fill your notebook with what white people want to hear Negroes say. Let's take these so-called spokesmen for the black men by types. Start with the politicians. They never attack Mr. Muhammad personally. They realize he has the sympathy of the black masses. They know they would alienate the masses whose votes they need. But the black civic leaders, they do attack Mr. Muhammad. The reason is usually that they are appointed to their positions by the white man. The white man pays them to attack us. The ones who attack Mr. Muhammad the most are the ones who earn the most. Then take the black religious leaders, they also attack Mr. Muhammad. These preachers do it out of self-defense, because they know he's waking up Negroes. No one believes what the Negro preacher preaches except those who are mentally asleep, or in the darkness of ignorance about the true situation of the black man here today in this wilderness of North America. If you will take note, sir, many so-called Negro leaders who once attacked the Honorable Elijah Muhammad don't do so anymore. And he never speaks against them in the personal sense except as a reaction if they speak against him. Islam is a religion that teaches us never to attack, never to be the aggressor - but you can waste somebody if he attacks you. These Negro leaders have become aware that whenever the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is caused by their attack to level his guns against them, they always come out on the losing end. Many have experienced this.

PLAYBOY: Do you admire and respect any other American Negro leaders - Martin Luther King, for example?

MALCOLM X: I am a Muslim, sir. Muslims can see only one leader who has the qualifications necessary to unite all elements of black people in America. This is the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

PLAYBOY: Many white religious leaders have also gone on record against the Black Muslims. Writing in the official NAACP magazine, a Catholic priest described you as "a fascist-minded hate group," and B'nai B'rith has accused you of being not only anti-Christian but anti-Semitic. Do you consider this true?

MALCOLM X: Insofar as the Christian world is concerned, dictatorships have existed only in areas or countries where you have Roman Catholicism. Catholicism conditions your mind for dictators. Can you think of a single Protestant country that has ever produced a dictator?

PLAYBOY: Germany was predominantly Protestant when Hitler —

MALCOLM X: Another thing to think of - in the 20th Century, the Christian Church has given us two heresies: fascism and communism.

PLAYBOY: On what grounds do you attribute these "isms" to the Christian Church?

MALCOLM X: Where did fascism start? Where's the second-largest Communist party outside of Russia? The answer to both is Italy. Where is the Vatican? But let's not forget the Jew. Anybody that gives even a just criticism of the Jew is instantly labeled anti-Semite. The Jew cries louder than anybody else if anybody criticizes him. You can tell the truth about any minority in America, but make a true observation about the Jew, and if it doesn't pat him on the back, then he uses his grip on the news media to label you anti-Semite. Let me say just a word about the Jew and the black man. The Jew is always anxious to advise the black man. But they never advise him how to solve his problem the way the Jews solved their problem. The Jew never went sitting-in and crawling-in and sliding-in and freedom-riding, like he teaches and helps Negroes to do. The Jews stood up, and stood together, and they used their ultimate power, the economic weapon. That's exactly what the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is trying to teach black

Jew that's advising the Negro joins the NAACP, CORE, the Urban League, and others. With money donations, the Jew gains control, then he sends a black man doing all this wading-in, boring-in, even crying-in - everything but bawling in. Never shows him how to set up factories and hotels. Never advises him how to own what he wants. No, when there's something worth owning, the Jew's got it.

PLAYBOY: Isn't it true that many Gentiles have also labored with dedication to advance integration and economic improvement for the Negro, as volunteer workers for the NAACP, CORE and many other interracial agencies?

MALCOLM X: A man who tosses worms in the river isn't necessarily a friend of the fish. All the fish who take him for a friend, who think the worm's got no hook in it, usually end up in the frying pan. All these things dangled before us by the white liberal posing as a friend and benefactor have turned out to be nothing but bait to make us think we're making progress. The Supreme Court decision has never been enforced. Desegregation has never taken place. The promises have never been fulfilled. We have received only tokens, substitutes, trickery and deceit.

PLAYBOY: What motives do you impute to PLAYBOY for providing you with this opportunity for the free discussion of your views?

MALCOLM X: I think you want to sell magazines. I've never seen a sincere white man, not when it comes to helping black people. Usually things like this are done by white people to benefit themselves. The white man's primary interest is not to elevate the thinking of black people, or white people either. The white man is interested in the black man only to the extent that the black man is of use to him. The white man's interest is to make money, to exploit.

PLAYBOY: Is there any white man on earth whom you would concede to have the Negro's welfare genuinely at heart?

MALCOLM X: I say, sir, that you can never make an intelligent judgement without evidence. If any man will study the entire history of the relationship between the white man and the black man, no evidence will be found that justifies any confidence or faith that the black man might have in the white man today.

PLAYBOY: Then you consider it impossible for the white man to be anything but an exploiter and a hypocrite in his relations with the Negro?

MALCOLM X: Is it wrong to attribute a pre-disposition to wheat before it comes up out of the ground? Wheat's characteristics and nature make it wheat. It differs from barley because of its nature. Wheat perpetuates its own characteristics just as the white race does. White people are born devils by nature. They don't become so by deeds. If you never put popcorn in a skillet, it would still be popcorn. Put the heat to it, it will pop.

PLAYBOY: You say that white men are devils by nature. Was Christ a devil?

MALCOLM X: Christ wasn't white. Christ was a black man.

PLAYBOY: On what Scripture do you base this assertion?

MALCOLM X: Sir, Billy Graham has made the same statement in public. Why not ask him what Scripture he found it in? When Pope Pius XII died, Life magazine carried a picture of him in his private study kneeling before a black Christ.

PLAYBOY: Those are hardly quotations from Scripture. Was He not reviled as "King of the Jews" - a people the Black Muslims attack?

MALCOLM X: Only the poor brainwashed American Negro has been made to believe that Christ was white, to maneuver him into worshipping the white man. After becoming a Muslim in prison, I read almost everything I could put my hands on in the prison library. I began to think back on everything I had read and especially with the histories, I realized that nearly all of them read by the general public have been made into white histories. I found out that the history-whitening process either had left out great things that black men had done, or some of the great black men had gotten whitened.

PLAYBOY: Would you list a few of these men?

MALCOLM X: Well, Hannibal, the most successful general that ever lived, was a black man. So was Beethoven; Beethoven's father was one of the blackamoors that hired themselves out in Europe as professional soldiers. Haydn, Beethoven's teacher, was of African descent. Columbus, the discoverer of America, was a half-black man.

PLAYBOY: According to biographies considered definitive, Beethoven's father, Johann, was a court tenor in Cologne, Haydn's parents were Croatian, Columbus' parents were Italian —

MALCOLM X: Whole black empires, like the Moorish, have been whitened to hide the fact that a great black empire had conquered a white empire even before America was discovered. The Moorish civilization - black Africans - conquered and ruled Spain; they kept the light burning in Southern Europe. The word "Moor" means "black," by the way. Egyptian civilization is a classic example of how the white man stole great African cultures and makes them appear today as white European. The black nation of Egypt is the only country that has a science named after its culture: Egyptology. The ancient Sumerians, a black-skinned people, occupied the Middle Eastern areas and were contemporary with the Egyptian civilization. The Incas, the Aztecs, the Mayans, all dark-skinned Indian people, had a highly developed culture here in America, in what is now Mexico and northern South America. These people had mastered agriculture at the time when European white people were still living in mud huts and eating weeds. But white children, or black children, or grownups here today in America don't get to read this in the average books they are exposed to.

PLAYBOY: Can you cite any authoritative historical documents for these observations?

MALCOLM X: I can cite a great many, sir. You could start with Herodotus, the Greek historian. He outright described the Egyptians as "black, with wooly hair." And the American archaeologist and Egyptologist James Henry Breasted did the same thing.

PLAYBOY: You seem to have based your thesis on the premise that all nonwhite races are necessarily black.

MALCOLM X: Mr. Muhammad says that the red, the brown and the yellow are indeed all part of the black nation. Which means that black, brown, red, yellow, all are brothers, all are one family. The white one is a stranger. He's the odd fellow.

PLAYBOY: Since your classification of black peoples apparently includes the light-skinned Oriental, Middle Eastern and possibly even Latin races as well as the darker Indian and Negroid strains, just how do you decide how light-skinned it's permissible to be before being condemned as white? And if Caucasian white are devils by nature, do you classify people by degrees of devilishness according to the lightness of their skin?

MALCOLM X: I don't worry about these little technicalities. But I know that white society has always considered that one drop of black blood makes you black. To me, if one drop can do this, it only shows the power of one drop of black blood. And I know another thing - that Negroes who used to be light enough to pass for white have seen the handwriting on the wall and are beginning to come back and identify with their own kind. And white people who also are seeing the pendulum of time catching up with them are now trying to join with blacks, or even find traces of black blood in their own veins, hoping that it will save them from the catastrophe they see ahead. But no devil can fool God. Muslims have a little poem about them. It goes, "One drop will make you black, and will also in days to come save your soul."

PLAYBOY: As one of this vast elite, do you hold the familiar majority attitude toward minority groups - regarding the white race, in this case, as inferior in quality as well as quantity to what you call the "black nation."?

MALCOLM X: Thoughtful white people know they are inferior to black people. Even Eastland knows it. Anyone who has studied the genetic phase of biology knows that white is considered recessive and black is considered dominant. When you want strong coffee, you ask for black coffee. If you want it light, you want it weak, integrated with white milk. Just like these Negroes who weaken themselves and their race by this integrating and intermixing with whites. If you want bread with no nutritional value, you ask for white bread. All the good that was in it has been bleached out of it, and it will constipate you. If you want pure flour, you ask for dark flour, whole-wheat flour. * If you want pure sugar, you want dark sugar.

PLAYBOY: If all whites are devilish by nature, as you have alleged, and if black and white are essentially opposite, as you have just stated, do you view all black men - with the exception of their non-Muslim leaders - as fundamentally angelic?

MALCOLM X: No, there is plenty wrong with Negroes. They have no society. They're robots, automatons. No minds of their own. I hate to say that about us, but it's the truth. They are a black body with a white brain. Like the monster Frankenstein. The top part is your bourgeois Negro. He's not interested in his poor black brothers. He's

cars and eat the cheapest food. They act more like the white man than the white man does himself. These are the ones that hide their sympathy for Mr. Muhammad's teachings. It conflicts with the class from which they get their man's crumbs. This class to us are the fence-sitters. They have one eye on the white man and the other eye on the Muslims. They'll jump whichever way they see the wind blowing. Then there's the middle class of the Negro masses, the ones not in the ghetto, who realize that life is a struggle, who are conscious of all the injustices being done and of the constant state of insecurity in which they live. They're ready to take some stand against everything that's against them. Now, when this group hears Mr. Muhammad's teachings, they are the ones who come forth faster and identify themselves, and take immediate steps toward trying to bring into existence what Mr. Muhammad advocates. At the bottom of the social heap is the black man in the big city ghetto. He lives night and day with the rats and cockroaches and drowns himself with alcohol and anesthetizes himself with dope, to try and forget where and what he is. That Negro has given up all hope. He's the hardest one for us to reach, because he's the deepest in the mud. But when you get him, you've got the best kind of Muslim. Because he makes the most drastic change. He's the most fearless. He will stand the longest. He has nothing to lose, even his life, because he didn't have that in the first place. I look upon myself, sir, as a prime example of this category - and as graphic an example as you could find of the salvation of the black man.

PLAYBOY: Could you give us a brief review of the early life that led to your own "salvation"?

MALCOLM X: Gladly. I was born in Omaha on May 19, 1925. My light color is the result of my mother's mother having been raped by a white man. I hate every drop of white blood in me. Before I am indicted for hate again, sir - is it wrong to hate the blood of a rapist? But to continue: My father was a militant follower of Marcus Garvey's "Back to Africa" movement. The Lansing, Michigan, equivalent of the Ku Klux Klan warned him to stop preaching Garvey's message, but he kept on and one of my earliest memories is of being snatched awake one night with a lot of screaming going on because our home was afire. But my father got louder about Garvey, and the next time he was found bludgeoned in the head, lying across streetcar tracks. He died soon and our family was in a bad way. We were so hungry we were dizzy and we had nowhere to turn. Finally the authorities came in and we children were scattered about in different places as public wards. I happened to become the ward of a white couple who ran a correctional school for white boys. This family liked me in the way they liked their house pets. They got me enrolled in an all-white school. I was popular, I played sports and everything, and studied hard, and I stayed at the head of my class through the eighth grade. That summer I was 14, but I was big enough and looked old enough to get away with telling a lie that I was 21, so I got a job working in the dining car of a train that ran between Boston and New York City.

On my layovers in New York, I'd go to Harlem. That's where I saw in the bars all these men and women with what looked like the easiest life in the world. Plenty of money, big cars, all of it. I could tell they were in the rackets and vice. I hung around those bars whenever I came in town, and I kept my ears and eyes open and my mouth shut. And they kept their eyes on me, too. Finally, one day a numbers man told me that he needed a runner, and I never caught the night train back to Boston. Right there was when I started my life in crime. I was in all of it that the white police and the gangsters left open to the black criminal, sir. I was in numbers, bootleg liquor, "hot" goods, women. I sold the bodies of black women to white men, and white women to black men. I was in dope, I was in everything evil you could name. The only thing I could say good for myself, sir, was that I did not indulge in hitting anybody over the head.

PLAYBOY: By the time you were 16, according to the record, you had several men working for you in these various enterprises. Right?

MALCOLM X: Yes, sir. I turned the things I mentioned to you over to them. And I had a good working system of paying off policemen. It was here that I learned that vice and crime can only exist, at least the kind and level that I was in, to the degree that the police cooperate with it. I had several men working and I was a steerer myself. I steered white people with money from downtown to whatever kind of sin they wanted.

Harlem. I didn't care what they wanted. I knew where to take them to it. And I tell you what I noticed here - my best customers always were the officials, the top police people, businessmen, politicians and clergymen. I never forgot that. I met all levels of these white people, supplied them with everything they wanted, and I saw that they were just a filthy race of devils. But despite the fact that my own father was murdered by whites, and I had seen my people all my life brutalized by whites, I was still blind enough to mix with them and socialize with them. I thought they were gods and goddesses - until Mr. Muhammad's powerful spiritual message opened my eyes and enabled me to see them as a race of devils. Nothing had made me see the white man as he is until one word from the Honorable Elijah Muhammad opened my eyes overnight.

PLAYBOY: When did this happen?

MALCOLM X: In prison. I was finally caught and spent 77 months in three different prisons. But it was the greatest thing that ever happened to me, because it was in prison that I first heard the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. His teachings were what turned me around. The first time I heard the Honorable Elijah Muhammad's statement, "The white man is the devil," it just clicked. I am a good example of why Islam is spreading so rapidly across the land. I was nothing but another convict, a semi-illiterate criminal. Mr. Muhammad's teachings were able to reach into prison, which is the level where people are considered to have fallen as low as they can go. His teachings brought me from behind prison walls and placed me on the podiums of some of the leading colleges and universities in the country. I often think, sir, that in 1946, I was sentenced to 8 to 10 years in Cambridge, Massachusetts, as a common thief who had never passed the eighth grade. And the next time I went back to Cambridge was in March 1961, as a guest speaker at the Harvard Law School Forum. This is the best example of Mr. Muhammad's ability to take nothing and make something, to take nobody and make somebody.

PLAYBOY: Your rise to prominence in the Muslim organization has been so swift that a number of your own membership have hailed you as their articulate exemplar, and many anti-Muslims regard you as the real brains and power of the movement. What is your reaction to this sudden eminence?

MALCOLM X: Sir, it's heresy to imply that I am in any way whatever even equal to Mr. Muhammad. No man on earth today is his equal. Whatever I am that is good, it is through what I have been taught by Mr. Muhammad.

PLAYBOY: Be that as it may, the time is near when your leader, who is 65, will have to retire from leadership of the Muslim movement. Many observers predict that when this day comes, the new Messenger of Allah in America - a role which you have called the most powerful of any black man in the world - will be Malcolm X. How do you feel about this prospect?

MALCOLM X: Sir, I can only say that God chose Mr. Muhammad as his Messenger, and Mr. Muhammad chose me and many others to help him. Only God has the say-so. But I will tell you one thing. I frankly don't believe that I or anyone else am worthy to succeed Mr. Muhammad. No one preceded him. I don't think I could make the sacrifice he has made or set his good example. He has done more than lay down his life. But his work is already done with the seed he has planted among black people. If Mr. Muhammad and every identifiable follower he has, certainly including myself, were tomorrow removed from the scene by more of the white man's brutality, there is one thing to be sure of: Mr. Muhammad's teachings of the naked truth have fallen upon fertile soil among 20,000,000 black men here in this wilderness of North America.

PLAYBOY: Has the soil, in your opinion, been as fertile for Mr. Muhammad's teachings elsewhere in the world - among the emerging nations of black Africa, for instance?

MALCOLM X: I think not only that his teachings have had considerable impact even in Africa but that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad has had a greater impact on the world than the rise of the African nations. I say this as objectively as I can, being a Muslim. Even the Christian missionaries are conceding that in black Africa, for every Christian conversion, there are two Muslim conversions.

PLAYBOY: Might conversions be even more numerous if it weren't for the somewhat strained relations which are said by several Negro writers to exist between the black people of Africa and America?

M X: Perhaps. You see, the American black man sees the African come here and where the American black man can't. The Negro sees the African come here . . . 8

with a sheet on and go places where the Negro - dressed like a white man, talking like a white man, sometimes as healthy as the white man - can. When I'm traveling around the country, I use my real Muslim name, Malik Shabazz. I make my hotel reservations under that name, and I always see the same thing I've just been telling you. I come to the desk and always see that "here comes-a-Negro" look. It's kind of a reserved, coldly tolerant cordiality. But when I say "Malik Shabazz," their whole attitude changes: they snap to respect. They think I'm an African. People say what's in a name. The American black man is seeing the African respected as a human being. The African gets respect because he has an identity and cultural roots. But most of all because the African owns some land. For these reasons he has his human rights recognized, and that makes his civil rights automatic.

PLAYBOY: Do you feel this is true of Negro civil and human rights in South Africa, where the doctrine of apartheid is enforced by the government of Prime Minister Verwoerd?

MALCOLM X: They don't stand for anything different in South Africa than America stands for. The only difference is over there they preach as well as practice apartheid. America preaches freedom and practices slavery. America preaches integration and practices segregation. Verwoerd is an honest white man. So are the Barnetts, Faubuses, Eastlands and Rockwells. They want to keep all white people white. And we want to keep all black people black. As between the racists and the integrationists, I highly prefer the racists. I'd rather walk among rattlesnakes, whose constant rattle warns me where they are, than among those Northern snakes who grin and make you forget you're still in a snake pit. Any white man is against blacks. The entire American economy is based on white supremacy. Even the religious philosophy is, in essence, white supremacy. A white Jesus. A white Virgin. White angels. White everything. But a black Devil, of course. The "Uncle Sam" political foundation is based on white supremacy, relegating nonwhites to second-class citizenship. It goes without saying that the social philosophy is strictly white supremacist. And the educational system perpetuates white supremacy.

PLAYBOY: Are you contradicting yourself by denouncing white supremacy while praising its practitioners, since you admit that you share their goal of separation?

MALCOLM X: The fact that I prefer the candor of the Southern segregationist to the hypocrisy of the Northern integrationist doesn't alter the basic immorality of white supremacy. A devil is still a devil whether he wears a bed sheet or a Brooks Brothers suit. The Honorable Elijah Muhammad teaches separation simply because any forcible attempt to integrate America completely would result in another Civil War, a catastrophic explosion among whites which would destroy America - and still not solve the problem. But Mr. Muhammad's solution of separate black and white would solve the problem neatly for both the white and black man, and America would be saved. Then the whole world would give Uncle Sam credit for being something other than a hypocrite.

PLAYBOY: Do you feel that the Administration's successful stand on the integration of James Meredith into the University of Mississippi has demonstrated that the Government - far from being hypocritical - is sympathetic with the Negro's aspirations for equality?

MALCOLM X: What was accomplished? It took 15,000 troops to put Meredith in the University of Mississippi. Those troops and \$3,000,000 - that's what was spent - to get one Negro in. That \$3,000,000 could have been used much more wisely by the Federal Government to elevate the living standards of all the Negroes in Mississippi.

PLAYBOY: Then in your view, the principle involved was not worth the expense. Yet it is a matter of record that President Kennedy, in the face of Southern opposition, championed the appointment of Dr. Robert Weaver as the first Negro Cabinet member. Doesn't this indicate to you, as it does to many Negro leaders, that the Administration is determined to combat white supremacy?

MALCOLM X: Kennedy doesn't have to fight: he's the President. He didn't have any fight replacing Ribicoff with Celebrezze. He didn't have any trouble putting Goldberg on the Supreme Court. He hasn't had any trouble getting anybody in but Weaver and Thurgood Marshall. He wasn't worried about Congressional objection when he challenged U.S. Steel. He wasn't worried about either Congressional reaction or Russian reaction or even world reaction when he blockaded Cuba. But when it comes to the rights of the Negro, who helped to put him in office, then he's afraid of little pockets of white resistance.

PLAYBOY: Has any American President, in your opinion - Lincoln, FDR, Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy - accomplished anything for the Negro?

MALCOLM X: None of them have ever done anything for Negroes. All of them have tricked the Negro, and made false promises to him at election time, which they never fulfilled. Lincoln's concern wasn't for the blacks but to save the Union.

PLAYBOY: Wasn't the Civil War fought to decide whether this nation could, in the words of Lincoln, "endure permanently half slave and half free"?

MALCOLM X: Sir, many, many people are completely misinformed about Lincoln and the Negro. That war involved two thieves, the North and the South, fighting over the spoils. The further we get away from the actual incident, the more they are trying to make it sound as though the battle was over the black man. Lincoln said that if he could save the Union without freeing the slaves, he would. But after two years of killing and carnage he found out he would have to free the slaves. He wasn't interested in the slaves but in the Union. As for the Emancipation Proclamation, sir, it was an empty document. If it freed the slaves, why, a century later, are we still battling for civil rights?

PLAYBOY: Despite the fact that the goal of racial equality is not yet realized, many sociologists--and many Negro commentators--agree that no minority group on earth has made as much social, civil and economic progress as the American Negro in the past 100 years. What is your reaction to this view?

MALCOLM X: Sir, I hear that everywhere almost exactly as you state it. This is one of the biggest myths that the American black man himself believes in. Every immigrant ethnic group that has come to this country is now a genuinely first-class citizen group--every one of them but the black man, who was here when they came. While everybody else is sharing the fruit, the black man is just now starting to be thrown some seeds. It is our hope that through the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, we will at last get the soil to plant the seeds in. You talk about the progress of the Negro--I'll tell you, m'ster, it's just because the Negro has been in America while America has gone forward that the Negro appears to have gone forward. The Negro is like a man on a luxury commuter train doing 90 miles an hour. He looks out of the window, along with all the white passengers in their Pullman chairs, and he thinks he's doing 90, too. Then he gets to the men's room and looks in the mirror--and he sees he's not really getting anywhere at all. His reflection shows a black man standing there in the white uniform of a dining-car steward. He may get on the 5:10, all right, but he sure won't be getting off at Westport.

PLAYBOY: Is there anything then, in your opinion, that could be done--by either whites or blacks--to expedite the social and economic progress of the Negro in America?

MALCOLM X: First of all, the white man must finally realize that he's the one who has committed the crimes that have produced the miserable condition that our people are in. He can't hide this guilt by reviling us today because we answer his criminal acts--past and present--with extreme and uncompromising resentment. He cannot hide his guilt by accusing us, his victims, of being racists, extremists and black supremacists. The white man must realize that the sins of the fathers are about to be visited upon the heads of the children who have continued those sins, only in more sophisticated ways. Mr. Elijah Muhammad is warning this generation of white people that they, too, are also facing a time of harvest in which they will have to pay for the crime committed when their grandfathers made slaves out of us. But there is something the white man can do to avert this fate. He must atone--and this can only be done by allowing black men, those who choose, to leave this land of bondage and go to a land of our own. But if he doesn't want a mass movement of our people away from this house of bondage, then he should separate this country. He should give us several states here on American soil, where those of us who wish to can go and set up our own government, our own economic system, our own civilization. Since we have given over 300 years of our slave labor to the white man's America, helped to build it up for him, it's only right that white America should give us everything we need in finance and materials for the next 25 years until our own nation is able to stand on its feet. Then if the Western Hemisphere is attacked by outside enemies, we would have both the capability and the motivation to join in defending the hemisphere, in which we would then have a sovereign stake.

The Honorable Elijah Muhammad says that the black man has served under the rule of all the other peoples of the earth at one time or another in the past. He teaches that it is now God's intention to put the black man back at the top of civilization, where he was in the beginning--before Adam, the white man, was created. The world since Adam has been white--and corrupt. The world of tomorrow will be black--and righteous.

In the white world there has been nothing but slavery.
In the black world of today, there will be true freedom, justice and equality for all. And that day is coming - sooner than you think.

PLAYBOY: If Muslims ultimately gain control as you predict, do you plan to bestow "true freedom" on white people?

MALCOLM X: It's not a case of what we do, it's a case of what would God do with whites. What does a judge do with the guilty? Either the guilty atone, or God executes judgment." (End of interview)

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"POWELL SAYS MUSLIMS OK" - Headline - The Arizona Republic. 3/24/63, pg. A-9.

"NEW YORK (AP) - Rep. Adam C. Powell, Harlem Democrat, yesterday called for a Negro boycott of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on the ground the organization has whites in high positions.

Powell told 2,500 persons attending a "human rights crusade rally" that Negroes should boycott all Negro racial-political organizations "not totally controlled by us." "Anything we get," the Negro congressman said, "we will have to fight for, to seize for ourselves. We will invade the white man's heaven, the United States."

He described Malcolm X, a Black Muslim leader, as a friend and added: "He may be a Black Muslim, and there is a difference of views. But his is not a subversive organization.".... "The NAACP has white people in high places. We should boycott it. We should boycott all leadership of the black masses not totally controlled by us."

"There are no Negroes in the American Jewish Congress, or in the National Organizations of Italians, and show me a black Irishman if you will.

"We should all work together and fight together and boycott together. There's a great day coming."....

"WORST' RACE RIOTS SEEN IN WASHINGTON" - Headline - Chicago Tribune, May 6, 1963.

Washington, May 5 - Rep. Adam Clayton Powell, the controversial New York Democratic congressman, today predicted one of the worst race riots in history will occur in Washington unless two things happen. The riots will occur, he asserted in remarks at the Shiloh Baptist church, unless: 1. The social factors which produce racial tensions are removed. 2. Unless the Negro community, "particularly the upper and middle class group, arouses itself to a new involvement with its less fortunate, economically exploited and emotionally deprived black brethren."

Powell, who is pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist church in New York, referred to the fact that Malcolm X, the No. 2 leader of the Black Muslims, is transferring his activities to Washington. He said Malcolm X. is moving from New York to the capital because there is no leadership here, and added:

"I warn white America now that the 'hate white,' 'black nationalists,' 'Muslim movement' will rapidly increase unless the white community rapidly makes way for full equality."....

"BLACK MUSLIM LEADER SPEAKS ON U.C. CAMPUS" - Headline

American Civil Liberties Union NEWS, San Francisco, Nov. 1963. No. 11. Pg. 3:

"Malcolm X, leader of the Black Muslim movement, was allowed to speak on the Univ. of California campus in Berkeley last month at a State-sponsored forum. He discussed his organization's views on racial problems in the United States.

In 1961, the University, over the objections of the ACLU, barred Malcolm X as a campus speaker on the grounds that he was appearing as a minister of his religious faith and would be espousing his group's religious views. Under the University's charter, sectarian activities are forbidden on the campus."

NOTE: The ACLU of Northern California (in 1961) along with 161 faculty members of the University of California at Berkeley, protested the cancellation of a talk before the NAACP chapter of Malcolm X. The ACLU has been very successful, also, in lifting the ban at various campuses throughout the country on Communist criminal speakers who subtly arouse the sympathy of our youth toward the C.P.

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Though MAC does not make a practice of quoting from a magazine such as PLAYBOY, the foregoing article was brought to our attention and we felt it was interesting and important. We hope you have found it interesting also.

For the past few months MAC has been unable to publish additional bulletins because of lack of financial and clerical support. We were forced to close our office temporarily but were resolved to carry on our work in one way or another.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who have taken the time to write such wonderful letters appreciative of our work - and you who have continued to support us. Many of you have sent us various articles and we could not acknowledge receipt. To all of you we wish to convey our sincere thanks.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 2 copies each of two FD 302's reflecting an interview of MALCOLM LITTLE on 2/4/64. Enclosed for Chicago and Phoenix are one copy each of one of these FD 302's.

The interview with LITTLE was recorded on two FD 302's as there were two purposes for this interview. One purpose was for the case [REDACTED]. In this case it was necessary to obtain information as to LITTLE's whereabouts during the night of 1/14/64. The other purpose for the interview was to obtain information concerning the NOI. The FD 302 for the latter purpose is the one enclosed for Phoenix and Chicago.

During this interview, which lasted approximately one hour, LITTLE was cordial and exhibited no animosity toward the interviewing agents. He would not discuss his suspension nor would he furnish any information about the NOI except as noted in the FD 302.

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LITTLE stated he had no objection to being recontacted by the FBI, but it was apparent he did not mean by this that he would furnish pertinent NOI information except that which by its nature would be public. It would appear that some benefit might be derived from recontact with LITTLE in specific instances such as for the reason in the [REDACTED] and also it appears he could be contacted for clarification of contemplated NOI demonstrations, rallies, etc., in the event this information is not available through other sources.

The NYO does not contemplate any additional contacts with LITTLE at this time as there appears to be no benefit to be derived therefrom. However, in the future, assuming LITTLE is re-instated in his former NOI position, consideration will be given to recontacting LITTLE in such instances as set out above.

The Bureau will be advised of LITTLE's status in the NOI as well as any contemplated recontact of LITTLE.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Malcolm Little advised he is generally known as Malcolm X and resides at 23-11 97th Street, Queens, New York City. He stated that until sometime in December, 1963, he was the Minister in charge of the Nation of Islam (NOI) Mosque in New York City. In December, 1963, he was suspended by Elijah Muhammad from his duties. He would not say the reason for his suspension or its duration. He stated that any comment on this would have to come from Elijah Muhammad.

He stated that his suspension from duties caused him to reappraise his loyalty to the NOI and Elijah Muhammad. He stated that because of his suspension, he is now more firmly devoted to Elijah Muhammad than ever. He pointed out that his suspension proves that the rules of the NOI apply to everyone equally. He stated he is in no way bitter towards Elijah Muhammad and that anything that might have caused his suspension was entirely his own fault and he could blame no one else.

He stated that the NOI cooperates with the United States Government more than any other Negro organization in that the NOI stops members from smoking, drinking and committing crimes and many other things which result in a benefit to the United States Government but which the Government is unable or unwilling to do itself. Because of this, the NOI is the only group that really benefits the Negroes. He pointed out that other Negro groups do not have a program which will benefit the Negro and eventually the Negro will realize this. He stated that when the Negro realizes that the Government, white people and so-called Negro leaders are not really helping the Negro or obtaining for the Negro the things which he wants or should have, then the Negro will start helping himself to these things. He did not care to explain this except by stating that at that time there could be a great deal of trouble.

He stated that the so-called Negro leaders are incompetent to lead the Negroes and stated that [REDACTED]

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furnished no other information on either [REDACTED] or any other [REDACTED]

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person he considered a Negro leader. He reiterated that he is cooperating with the Government in view of the principles of the NOI but to suggest any other means of cooperation was an insult to his intelligence. He stated the teachings of the NOI are public and are well known to the Government. He stated he had no information concerning membership of the NOI, either as to numbers or names and even if he did have such information, he was not disposed to furnish it to the Government.

He stated that he would have no objection to being contacted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding demonstrations or other public affairs contemplated by the NOI. He stated he realized that in the past the NOI has been blamed for a number of incidents with which they were, in fact, not involved. He stated he would be most willing to be contacted in order to clear up any such possible misunderstanding.

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Malcolm Little stated he did not desire to furnish a signed statement, but would furnish any information in his possession which might be pertinent.

He stated he had been the Minister of Nation of Islam (NOI), Mosque Number 7 in New York City until sometime in December, 1963, when he was suspended from his duties. Since that time, he has been forbidden to speak at public meetings. He stated he is generally known as Malcolm X.

He stated he was not in Rochester, New York, on the evening of January 14, 1964, and has not been in Rochester, New York, for approximately six months.

On the evening of January 14, 1964, he was at the International Hotel at John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York City, continuously from about 7:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m., January 15, 1964. He was, during this entire period, in the company of Alex Haley, a writer who is employed by the "Readers' Digest" and with whom he is corroborating on a book. Mr. Haley, but not Malcolm X, was registered at the hotel. At about 2:00 a.m., January 15, 1964, Malcolm X went to his car, which was in the hotel parking lot and drove to his home at 23-11 97th Street, Queens, New York City.

Mr. Haley had planned to sleep at the hotel and check out the next day to return to his home in Rome, New York, on the morning of January 15, 1964. Malcolm X has not seen Haley since that time.

Malcolm X stated he did not know anyone by the name [REDACTED] **OK**

He stated, to his knowledge, the NOI has never hired anyone to do any type of research or to conduct any type of survey on the Negro community. He stated he is sure he never approved any such hiring.

He stated he has never made any statement indicating he was aware of any plan to assassinate President Johnson and that any such thought would be contrary to the teachings of the NOI.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399321)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-8999)

SUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE aka
IS - NOI

(OO:NEW YORK)

For the information of Louisville, subject, usually known as MALCOLM X, is the Minister of NOI Temple #7, NYC, who is temporarily under suspension by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD for remarks he (LITTLE) made concerning the death of former President KENNEDY at an NOI Rally.

The 2/20/64 edition of the "New York Herald Tribune", a daily newspaper published in New York, NY, contained an article on page 9 indicating that subject was currently in Miami, Florida to attend the heavyweight fight on 2/25/64 between CASSIUS CLAY and SONNY LISTON.

It is noted that during January, 1964, subject and his family were the guests of CLAY in Miami, and it is presumed that subject will probably attend the fight as a guest of CLAY. Because of his suspension, subject cannot be expected to make any appearance or statement as an NOI representative.

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the NOI Saviour's Day Convention on that date.
Subject has been forbidden by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD to attend the
convention.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-7809)
SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
IS - NOI
(OO: CG)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and five copies of a LHM relating to MALCOLM K. LITTLE's status within the NOI based on his suspension. Two copies of this LHM are being furnished to both Chicago and Phoenix.

In view of the information set forth in this LHM, Chicago and Phoenix should remain alert for any change in the suspension status of LITTLE or in his relationship with the NOI itself.

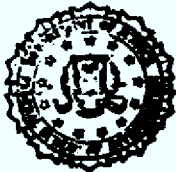
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New York, New York
February 27, 1964

Nation of Islam
Internal Security - NOI

The February 26, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 39 captioned "Malcolm X's Role Dividing Muslims", datelined "Chicago, Feb 25".

The article indicated that Malcolm X, New York leader of the Black Muslim movement currently under suspension by Elijah Muhammad, would not attend the national Nation of Islam (NOI) convention on February 26, 1964.

The article claimed that there was a struggle for power in the NOI being waged between Malcolm X and second-echelon leaders at the NOI headquarters in Chicago, who fear that Malcolm X will inherit the movement on a national basis if he is not curbed.

The article further stated that it is believed that Malcolm X has set next Sunday (March 1, 1964) as the date for a decision on his place in the NOI. According to the article, Malcolm X feels that "unless he is restored to his former activities, he may return to the national scene in a manner that would make his previous efforts pale by comparison.

The article stated that the delaying tactics in determining Malcolm X's future by Elijah Muhammad, in whom all authority is now vested, reflects a reserve

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about the dynamism Malcolm X wants to put into the movement. Further, Muhammad is reportedly holding himself aloof from the struggle between Malcolm X and the Chicago headquarters because he is aware of Malcolm X's national standing, although he has been nettled by the national spotlight focused on Malcolm X.

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A characterization of the NOI is attached

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The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Most of the following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils", in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon".

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3-5-64

Malcolm Little was minister, Nation of Islam, New York City, until suspended by Muhammad because he referred to assassination of President Kennedy as "the chickens coming home to roost." Little stayed at Hampton House, Miami, prior to Clay-Liston fight.

Little was frequently with Clay. While at Hampton House, Little also in touch with

Muslims. Little said, "If you think Cassius Clay was loud, wait until I start talking on the first of March." Muhammad has forbade Little to make public speeches. No dissemination contemplated.

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with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] as "Muslims".

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b7D [REDACTED] did not know of any other prominent member of the NOI in Miami at the time of the LISTON - CLAY fight. [REDACTED]
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ANS. BY: *hug*..... *LB*

ReNYairtel and letterhead memorandum, dated 2/27/64,
captioned "NOI, IS-NOI".

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 6 copies of
a letterhead memorandum relative to the announcement by
subject on 3/8/64, that he had decided to stay out of the
NOI and organize a politically oriented "black nationalist
party", and that he would actively participate in the civil
rights movement.

One copy of this letterhead memorandum is enclosed
for the information of Chicago and Phoenix in NOI matters.

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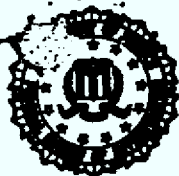
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One copy is being enclosed for the information of New Orleans since subject indicated he has accepted an invitation to help a civil rights committee in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Any additional information relative to this which comes to the attention of the NYO will be promptly furnished. New Orleans should furnish NY information on subject's participation in any civil rights activity there, if and when it occurs.

For the information of the Bureau, the NY case on subject is being placed in an active status, and subject's activities will be closely followed in regard to the organization of his own party or group and its supporters. No organization file on subject's group is being opened at this time, since to date there is in fact no organization. When the group is officially named and located, consideration will then be given to opening a separate organizational case.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New York, New York

March 9, 1964

Malcolm K. Little
Internal Security-Nation of Islam

The March 9, 1964 edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page one entitled "Malcolm X Splits With Muhammad". It is noted that Little is publicly known as "Malcolm X".

The article reflected that on the night of March 8, 1964, Little announced that he had broken with Elijah Muhammad's Black Muslim movement and he would organize a politically oriented "black nationalist party".

According to the article, Little claimed that he was still a Muslim "but the main emphasis of the new movement will be black nationalism as a political concept and form of social action against the oppressors." Little stated the party would seek to convert the Negro population from non-violence to active self-defense against white supremacists in all parts of the country.

Little stated that he would accept speaking engagements at colleges and universities, and would cooperate in local civil rights actions in the South and elsewhere in order to heighten the political consciousness of the Negroes and intensify their identification against white society. Little claimed that he has already accepted an invitation to help a civil rights committee in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

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Malcolm K. Little

Little stated, according to the article, that his first task would be to construct an organization based in New York. He claimed support from many Negro intellectuals and professionals who could not accept Islam but accepted the Black Muslim view of race relations in the United States.

Little claimed that he had not been invited to the annual Black Muslim convention in Chicago on February 26, 1964, and he could not get a clarification of his suspension status from Elijah Muhammad. Consequently, he decided that he could best spread Mr. Muhammad's message by staying out of the Nation of Islam (NOI) and working on his own among non-Muslim Negroes. He further advised that he was not trying to split the Muslims, and claimed that all NOI members to remain in the NOI, stating that he was not encouraging them to follow him. Little also claimed that his suspension was due to the jealousy of Elijah Muhammad's family aroused by his previous popularity.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

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My grandfather ~~_____~~ fought 4 years in the Civil War from the Volunteer State (Tenn) The way some people trample our heritage under foot now a days is pitiful, I have read your articles in sunday magazine and know you are in tune with good forces above

Best regards

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CORRESPONDENCE

on [REDACTED]
ack [REDACTED]

Former Black Muslim Aide Forming Militant New Group

NEW YORK (UPI).—Malcolm X, suspended official of the Black Muslims, said he was forming a "Black Nationalist Party" to lead Negroes in active self-defense against white supremacists.

"There can be no revolution without bloodshed, and it is nonsense to describe the civil rights movement in America as a revolution," Malcolm said.

Malcolm was suspended last December as New York leader of the Black Muslims after a speech in which he said President Kennedy's assassination was a case of the "chickens coming home to roost."

He said last night he now has broken completely with the Black Muslim group, which has kept out of the fight for integration and concentrated on creating a separate black nation.

MALCOLM was critical of the doctrine of non-violence preached by major civil rights organization and said it was a deception on the Negroes "because they have only to examine the failure of this so-called revolution to produce any positive results in the past year."

Malcolm, who was apparently a factor in heavyweight boxing champ Cassius Clay's decision to join the Black



MALCOLM X
... new party

Muslims, said he had been prevented by Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Muslims, from joining in the civil rights struggle in the South.

"It is going to be different now. I'm going to join in the fight wherever Negroes ask for my help, and I suspect my activities will be on a greater and more intensive scale than in the past," he said.

He said the "main emphasis of the new movement will be black nationalism as a political concept and form of social action against the oppressors."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (25-330971-38)

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (105-83)

NATION OF ISLAM
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On 3/9/64, [redacted] made available the following information:

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was in contact with [redacted]

[redacted] mentioned they had 980 people out at #7 Mosque and 400 at Brooklyn. The Long Island Mosque had about 120 out. [redacted] was believed referring to the meetings held on 3/8/64.)

[redacted] that the attendance went up in all the Mosques and the people stood up and said they were standing with ELIJAH regardless of circumstances. He stated Minister LOUIS taught at #7 on Sunday (3/8/64).

[redacted] spoke about the other situation and said that he (believed referring to MALCOLM LITTLE) has definitely given it to the news media and that MALCOLM was on the TV "Today" show. ELIJAH stated he could hardly believe it at first, but actually it turned out to be the truth. ELIJAH stated he had [redacted]

[redacted] to contact him (MALCOLM) and [redacted] said that he (MALCOLM) told him that he had not given up Islam. ELIJAH said he [redacted]

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b7C wrote MALCOLM the previous week and told him that he (MALCOLM) is drunk over publicity and leadership. ELIJAH stated he did not intend to give him (MALCOLM) the place (NY) back, no matter what he did. ELIJAH stated if he did do so, MALCOLM would set up a crew 100 per cent for him (MALCOLM) and not with them in Chicago. ELIJAH said "he wants to oppose us." ELIJAH stated MALCOLM thinks he is smart, but he (ELIJAH) has too much experience. He said the man is in danger going to an organization he has been criticizing. He said "who is going to back him up?" ELIJAH said no one. [redacted] stated the one who is working with MALCOLM is "NISHAN" (phonetic). [redacted] stated when they all saw it in the paper, then they divided and they all want to be leaders. ELIJAH said MALCOLM would not be successful and he will come running back and ask to be forgiven. He said they will learn that Allah is with him (ELIJAH) and him alone. It will be a lesson for MALCOLM. R

b7C ELIJAH inquired about MALCOLM's house as to who bought it and who was paying the mortgage. [redacted] stated the Nation (NOI) is paying the mortgage and that the house belongs to ELIJAH and the mosque put down \$5,000 and paid the note. [redacted] said the house is actually in the name of the mosque and even MALCOLM's car is also. ELIJAH told JOSEPH to send a letter or have the secretary send one to MALCOLM and tell him he must give up the house. ELIJAH suggested the letter be signed by [redacted] as well as several others at the mosque. He said they should demand that MALCOLM vacate the house and give up everything he has that belongs to Islam. [redacted] stated the only records he knew of that MALCOLM has would be the incorporation papers for the mosque. ELIJAH said MALCOLM should be asked to give them up also. ELIJAH stated the letter directed to MALCOLM should be notarized and signed by six or seven of the Brothers. Upon speaking about the house that MALCOLM is living in, ELIJAH told [redacted]

b7C [redacted] ELIJAH said [redacted] should not mention this until MALCOLM is out. R

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57C ELIJAH asked about their advertising in the subways and [redacted] stated it is on every third car on the 7th Avenue Line, Lexington Avenue Line and the 8th Avenue Line. He said it was going good and it has been effective. He stated the papers are moving better also. ELIJAH told [redacted] to not let the Brothers sell papers around the court houses or police headquarters as it just agitates them and ELIJAH mentioned them doing this in Los Angeles. X4

Phoenix is not including this information in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination as it is felt this type of information should not be disseminated outside the Bureau, but should be used for lead and intelligence purposes.

UNITED STATES

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: March 13, 1964

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT: **MALCOLM X**
BLACK MUSLIMS

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Last evening, [REDACTED] the "New York Journal American" in New York City telephoned and talked to Wick. He referred to the statement made by Malcolm X, who broke from the Black Muslims, encouraging Negroes to procure arms and become members of rifle clubs so as to take part in acts of violence. [REDACTED] asked if Mr. Hoover would comment on the audacity of Malcolm X in this regard.

Wick told [REDACTED] that Mr. Hoover was not in the office at the time therefore, we could not be of help and Mr. Hoover would have no comment to make.

For record purposes.

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-8999)

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IS - NOI
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ReNYairtel and LHM, dated 3/9/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies, and for Chicago and Phoenix one copy each, of a LHM relative to the appearance on 3/9/64, of subject on WNBT television, channel 13, NYC, during which he discussed his break with the NOI.

It is noted that LITTLE was quite specific in stating he was not setting up a rival organization to the NOI, and he still considered himself a Muslim and a follower of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

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Also, he did not identify by name any proposed new organization, and in fact left the impression that his future activity based on a black nationalism philosophy would be more in the form of a "cause" than an organization.

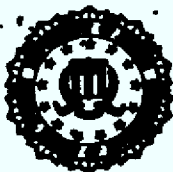
He appears to have renewed his harrangue of the "NOI line" that complete separation is the only solution to the race problem, while at the same time assuming a contradictory position of making himself available to civil rights groups who are seeking integration. However, in the latter instance he claims that he will seek to convert Negroes from non-violence to active self-defense (not retaliation) against white supremacists who attack them in their civil rights efforts.

It appears that LITTLE has in effect ended his own suspension by deciding to speak on his own outside the NOI. His "line" has not changed from that used as the official spokesman of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD prior to his suspensions. He has, also, apparently tried to leave the door open to permit ELIJAH to welcome him back into the NOI. In fact, LITTLE may feel that by speaking out he can regain his former popular status and thus force ELIJAH to take him back into the NOI in his former position.

The above observations of the NYO are being furnished to the Bureau, Chicago and Phoenix for their information.

The program referred to in this LHM was monitored by SA [REDACTED] and has been taped by the NYO. b7C

The NYO is continuing to follow this matter closely in an effort to determine LITTLE's immediate aims, his supporters if any, and also to determine if he will or will not establish a de facto organization.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

March 11, 1964

Malcolm K. Little
Internal Security - Nation of Islam

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A characterization of the
Nation of Islam (NOI) is attached
hereto [REDACTED]

On March 9, 1964, from 10:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., Little appeared on the news commentary and interview program "The World at Ten", television station WNDT, channel 13, New York, New York. He was interviewed by WNDT commentator Joe Durso relative to his announcement on March 8, 1964, that he had split with the NOI.

During the interview Little specifically pointed out that he was not setting up a rival organization to the NOI. He stated that Islam was still his religion, he still believed in Allah, he still considered himself a follower of Elijah Muhammad, and he still considered the separation of races as taught by Muhammad as the solution to the race problem. He advised that he has decided that the best way to serve Muhammad was to stay out of the NOI and work on his own with non-Muslims. This way he will be free of NOI restrictions that previously kept him from reaching all Negroes, and he will urge them to follow Elijah Muhammad. He added that he can now do what "he" thinks is necessary to enlighten the people toward Muhammad and Islam. He stated he intended to teach a political, economic and social philosophy of black nationalism.

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In regard to the current civil rights movement, Little predicted that the struggle would "explode" in 1964 and expressed the opinion that young Negroes are now willing to do anything for integration. He feels that if they are not protected in this activity, then they must defend themselves from racial supremacists even if they must take up arms. He specifically pointed out that he was not urging or teaching retaliation, only self-protection. As an example he cited the unsolved bombing of a Negro church in Birmingham that resulted in the death of four girls, and it was his opinion that Negroes (not specified), should solve this and other such wrongs and execute those responsible.

Little stated that he was only interested in "freedom, justice and equality" for Negroes. He added that they have not gotten it by being polite, and he feels that they should now get angry.

In regard to his suspension by Muhammad in December, 1963, for his remark concerning the assassination of former President Kennedy, Little advised that the suspension was not for the remark itself. He explained that the suspension was for his disobedience to Muhammad for making the remark, since Muhammad had told him not to comment on the assassination. He further stated that the suspension was originally for a 90 day period, but he recently learned from Muhammad that it would be for an indefinite period. Consequently, he decided to stay out of the NOI and speak out on his own.

Malcolm K. Little

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam".

On July 10, 1963, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2,5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam".

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils", in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon".

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

Malcolm K. Little

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APPENDIX

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On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On July 10, 1963, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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See release 150-10535-9
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Re Chicago airtel to the Director, 3/13/64, cc's to Louisville, Newark and New York.

The following information pertains to further developments regarding activities of MALCOLM X LITTLE and

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- 7 - Bureau (RM)
 - 2 - 105- (MALCOLM X LITTLE)
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- 2 - Philadelphia (Info) (RM) (25-26094)
- 1 - 105- (Muslim Mosque, Inc.)
- 1 - Phoenix (105-93) (Info) (RM)
- 8 - Chicago
- 1 - 100-6989 (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD)
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED] b7c
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - [REDACTED]
- 1 - 105-41040 (Muslim Mosque, Inc.)

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b7C [REDACTED]

b7C told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD he had a man at the meeting of New York and this man had talked to MALCOLM last night and had found out MALCOLM had not released the telegram to the press but was trying to decide whether he should or not. ELIJAH told [REDACTED] that they should not give [REDACTED] for a "little yipping puppy" like that because he just runs off at the mouth and wants his name before the public all the time. & u

b7C [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED]

b7C [REDACTED] & u

b7C [REDACTED] told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD his man had called from New York and had just given him the highlights of the press conference. The following conversation ensued, [REDACTED] standing for [REDACTED] and M standing for ELIJAH MUHAMMAD: & u

[REDACTED] MALCOLM did release the telegram but paraphrased it saying he was pushed out. He is setting up his own mosque which would be called "Muslim Mosque, Incorporated" MALCOLM was asked if this wouldn't conflict with Muhammad's & u

Mosque and he realized that if that happened it would just have to be and he wouldn't take any of MUHAMMAD's followers away from him but if they came to him he would not turn them away. MALCOLM still claims to be a follower of MUHAMMAD. MALCOLM was asked if his actions didn't conflict or contradict this statement and MALCOLM said "Mr. Muhammad could not reject him because the laws of Islam state that if he looked on a person as a spiritual leader that person must accept him as a follower." *Qu*

M - In this case in the Holy Koran, that is the Bible and guide, it says "if those who will not listen to the Messenger of God, of Allah, and will not follow what Allah has revealed to him, those Allah will not guide them, they become lost spiritually." ALLAH will not accept them unless they follow his apostle. MUHAMMAD then asked who MALCOLM was in cooperation with, adding he certainly was not cooperating with the Orthodox Muslim and he was not in cooperation with us. *Qu*

LC *■* On Sunday, MALCOLM is to hold an open rally at 8:30 p.m., at 145th and Amsterdam. He is to appeal for members. In a press release that MALCOLM issued he is asking for college trained people to come in and is setting up units for them. Following the rally on Sunday, he is to go to Pennsylvania (place not given) to meet with three of the people, leaders who are to help him. MALCOLM also was asked who was responsible for pushing him out and his answer was "certain officials". He stated the Muslim Mosque will draw all the recruits it can get at this meeting from the community and it will accept on youth. MALCOLM stated he will travel extensively throughout the country. MALCOLM stated he feels Negroes should arm themselves for self-defense. MALCOLM was asked how long he was planning this and he refused to answer. MALCOLM stated he has no political ambitions and has no intentions of running for anything. MALCOLM refused to name any of the leaders in the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated. MALCOLM indicated it was an internal conflict inside MUHAMMAD's group that made it impossible for him to carry out his functions. *Qu*

M - MUHAMMAD stated MALCOLM was just a small person wanting to get publicity and this is the way he is going about it. He will not be successful. *Qu*

b7c [REDACTED] asked ELIJAH MUHAMMAD what affect MALCOLM would have on MUHAMMAD's people now that he is forming his own Muslim Mosque, Incorporated. MUHAMMAD replied that he did not think any of his people would follow MALCOLM. MUHAMMAD stated that the young man is acting foolish and he added that he would not make public the name of the man who would replace MALCOLM. u X

b7c [REDACTED] Q

b7c [REDACTED] X

b7c [REDACTED] told ELIJAH MUHAMMAD that MALCOLM was going to have his first meeting at the Theresa Hotel in New York City. [REDACTED] asked MUHAMMAD for permission to discuss that telegram [REDACTED] so they would be prepared to answer any questions that might come up. MUHAMMAD thought this was a good idea. u X

Pertinent information set forth above was furnished to the Bureau and New York by teletype, specifically that reference to MALCOLM's formation of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated, and of the meeting in New York City on Sunday night, 3/15/64.

Chicago is not including the above in letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination as it is believed this material should be used for lead and intelligence purposes and it is further believed that data will be available through public sources.

Chicago will continue to follow developments and will furnish the Bureau and interested offices with data as received.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-152759)
SUBJECT: MUSLIM MOSQUE, INC.
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(OO:NY)

Re NY teletype dated 3/12/64, captioned as above,
and NY airtel with LHM dated 3/9/64, captioned "MALCOLM K.
LITTLE, aka, IS-NOI."

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies, and for Baltimore, Chicago, Philadelphia and Phoenix two copies each of a LHM concerning a press conference held by MALCOLM K. LITTLE in NYC, on 3/12/64, in which he announced the organization of his new Mosque captioned above.

SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] attended the press conference obtaining the information and prepared statements set forth. Photographs were also obtained. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was placed on a mailing slip, passed [REDACTED]. It was also discreetly ascertained that bills incurred by the new organization were being sent to 23-11 97th Street, East Elmhurst, Queens, NY, the residence of LITTLE.

The above SAS observed five apparent NOI members who were with LITTLE, four of whom were identified and set out in the LHM. They apparently were a part of LITTLE's new Mosque and JAMES 67X VARDEN appeared to be MALCOLM's first assistant, although he denied holding any title or position. The other four when questioned would only reply "no comment".

With the exception of [REDACTED] who is on the SI of the NYO, the others were not the subject of active investigation since they held no official position in the NOI. They and their file numbers are:

Name

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
none
none

[REDACTED]

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One of the reporters present at the news conference was WILLIAM WORTHY [REDACTED] who was also observed after the conference in conversation with LITTLE and WARDEN. b7c

The sources utilized in the LHM are set forth below:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

b7D

The LHM is not classified since the information furnished by the above sources would not tend to identify them.

In view of the fact that this organization has been formed by LITTLE, has attracted some NOI members, and has similar tenets to the NOI, the NYO has opened a case on it. The activities of this organization will be followed and the Bureau kept advised UACB.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

March 13, 1964

Muslim Mosque, Incorporated
Internal Security - Miscellaneous

On March 12, 1964, Malcolm K. Little, known generally as Malcolm X, held a press conference at 11:00 a.m. in the Tapestry Suite of the Park Sheraton Hotel, 7th Avenue and 55th Street, New York, New York. Approximately 50 persons attended the conference.

Malcolm K. Little

On September 18, 1963, [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] advised that Malcolm X was the Minister of Nation of Islam (NOI) Mosque Number 7, New York, New York, and a national representative of Elijah Muhammad who fulfills speaking engagements throughout the United States for the latter.

The December 5, 1963, edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 22 indicating that Malcolm X had been suspended by Elijah Mohammad. The suspension was based

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on a remark at New York City on December 1, 1963, by Malcolm X to the effect that the assassination of President Kennedy was an instance of the "chickens coming home to roost."

The March 9, 1964, edition of "The New York Times", on page one, contained an article which reflected that on March 8, 1964, Malcolm X announced that he had broken with Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam (NOI). The break was the result of his continued suspension from the NOI, and he indicated that he would organize a politically oriented "black nationalist party".

A characterization of the NOI and NOI Mosque Number 7, New York City, are attached hereto [REDACTED] **LD**

Malcolm X opened his press conference by reading a telegram he had sent to Elijah Muhammad on March 11, 1964. In this telegram he indicated that he had not left the NOI of his own free will, but had been pressured out by a conspiracy between Captain Joseph (Gravitt) in New York and national NOI officials at the Chicago Headquarters of the NOI.

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Joseph Gravitt

b7D [REDACTED] advised on March 5, 1964,
that as of that date Joseph
Gravitt was the Captain in charge
of the Fruit of Islam (FOI) of
NOI Mosque Number 7, New York
City.

A characterization of the FOI is
attached hereto [REDACTED]
b7D [REDACTED]

Malcolm X continued his press conference
by reading a prepared statement, the complete
text of which follows:

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"Because 1964 threatens to be a very explosive year on the racial front, and because I myself intend to be very active in every phase of the American Negro struggle for HUMAN RIGHTS, I have called this press conference this morning in order to clarify my own position in the struggle....especially in regards to politics and non-violence.

"I wish to speak to you for ten or fifteen minutes and then open myself for questions.

"I am and always will be a Muslim. My religion is Islam. I still believe that Mr. Muhammad's analysis of the problem is the most realistic, and that his solution is the best one. This means that I too believe the best solution is complete separation, with our people going back home, to our own African homeland.

"But separation back to Africa is still a long-range program, and while it is yet to materialize, 22 million of our people who are still here in America need better food, clothing, housing, education and jobs right now. Mr. Muhammad's program does point us back homeward, but it also contains within it what we could and should be doing to help solve many of our own problems while we are still here.

"Internal differences within the Nation of Islam forced me out of it. I did not leave of my own free will. But now that it has happened I intend to make the most of it. Now that I have more independence-of-action I intend to use a more flexible approach toward working with others to get a solution to this problem.

"I do not pretend to be a divine man, but I do believe in divine guidance, divine power, and in the fulfillment of divine prophecy. I am not educated, nor am I an expert in any particular field...but I am sincere, and my sincerity are my credentials.

Muslim Mosque, Incorporated

"I'm not out to fight other Negro leaders or organizations. We must find a common approach, a common solution, to a common problem. As of this minute, I've forgotten everything bad that the other leaders have said about me, and I pray they can also forget the many bad things I've said about them.

"The problem facing our people here in America is bigger than all other personal or organizational differences. Therefore, as leaders, we must stop worrying about the threat that we seem to think we pose to each other's personal prestige, and concentrate our united efforts toward solving the unending hurt that is being done daily to our people here in America.

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"I am going to organize and head a new Mosque in New York City, known as the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated. This gives us a religious base, and the spiritual force necessary to rid our people of the vices that destroy the moral fiber of our community.

"Our political philosophy will be Black Nationalism. Our economic and social philosophy will be Black Nationalism. Our cultural emphasis will be Black Nationalism.

"Many of our people aren't religiously inclined, so the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated will be organized in such a manner to provide for the active participation of all Negroes in our political, economic, and social programs, despite their religious or non-religious beliefs.

"The political philosophy of Black Nationalism means: we must control the politics and the politicians of our community. They must no longer take orders from outside forces. We will organize and sweep out of office all Negro politicians who are puppets for the outside forces.

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"Our accent will be upon youth: we need new ideas, new methods, new approaches. We will call upon young students of political science throughout the nation to help us. We will encourage these young students to launch their own independent study, and then give us their analysis and their suggestions. We are completely disenchanted with the old, adult, established politicians. We want to see some new faces...more militant faces.

"Concerning the 1964 elections: we will keep our plans on this a secret until a later date... but we don't intend for our people to be the victims of a political sell-out again in 1964.

"The Muslim Mosque, Incorporated will remain wide-open for ideas and financial aid from all quarters. Whites can help us, but they can't join us. There can be no black-white unity until there is first some black unity. There can be no workers solidarity until there is first some racial solidarity. We cannot think of uniting with others, until after we have first united among ourselves. We cannot think of being acceptable to others until we have first proven acceptable to ourselves. One can't unite bananas with scattered leaves.

"Concerning non-violence: it is criminal to teach a man not to defend himself when he is the constant victim of brutal attacks. It is legal and lawful to own a shotgun or a rifle. We believe in obeying the law.

"In areas where our people are the constant victims of brutality, and the government seems unable or unwilling to protect them,...we should form rifle-clubs that can be used to defend our lives and our property in times of emergency, such as happened last year in Birmingham, Ala.; Plaquemine, La.; Cambridge, Md.; and Danville, Va. When our people are being bitten by dogs, they are within their rights to kill those dogs.

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"We should be peaceful, law abiding...but the time has come for the American Negro to fight back in self-defense whenever and wherever he is being unjustly and unlawfully attacked.

"If the government thinks I am doing wrong for saying this, then let the government start its job."

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Malcolm X then responded to questions from the various news representatives present, furnishing the following information:

Re Muslim Mosque, Incorporated

The Mosque would have temporary headquarters at the Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue (at 125th Street), New York, New York, and there are no present plans for any Mosques outside of New York City.

He would not have gone out on his own if he had not received evidence of support. He stated that in the last several days he had received numerous calls from all over the country offering him support and asking him to speak. Malcolm X stated he would make absolutely no effort to draw away any of the followers of Elijah Muhammad, but some NOI members have come over to him. He refused to reveal the number of NOI members who have come over to him, nor would he reveal the total number of his followers or identify them by name. He also stated that his Mosque would have the same moral standards as the NOI. He stated that he would retain his name "Malcolm X" which he had obtained in the NOI.

Malcolm X also announced that his Mosque would hold a "restricted" meeting at 8:30 p.m., Sunday, March 15, 1964, at the George Washington Carver Club, Amsterdam Avenue and 145th Street, New York City.

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When Malcolm X was asked whether his new Mosque would accept financial support from a known Communist group, he replied by telling a story. In the story he indicated that if he were a prisoner of a wolf he would accept release from captivity from any source. When newsmen unanimously exclaimed that this meant he would accept financial support from Communists, Malcolm X denied it and stated "I only told you a story about a wolf!"

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Re Politics

Malcolm X announced that he had absolutely no plans to run for political office and at this time he did not care to reveal what specific political plans his Mosque had for the forthcoming elections.

Re Racial Matters

Malcolm X exclaimed that he did not believe that coexistence between the white and Negro race would ever come about. He also classified as "counterfeit" the current Civil Rights Bill under consideration by the United States Congress since it gives nothing to the Negroes in the North.

Malcolm X announced that on Saturday noon, March 14, 1964 he would meet in Chester, Pennsylvania with civil rights leaders Stanley Branche of Chester, Reverend Milton Galamison of Brooklyn, New York, and Mrs. Gloria Richardson of Cambridge, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was not revealed.

Re Travel

Malcolm X advised that he had no plans at this time to make an overseas trip.

The following known members of NOI Mosque Number 7, New York City, were observed at this press conference by Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. They were assisting Malcolm X with the handling of details and arrangement of the conference, and James 67X Warden was in charge.

James 67X Warden

67D On March 2, 1964, [REDACTED] advised that James 67X was then a Lieutenant of the FOI of NOI Mosque Number 7, New York City.

Muslim Mosque, Incorporated

Chester X last name unknown (LNU)

On February 10, 1964, [REDACTED] advised that Chester X was then a member of NOI Mosque Number 7, New York City. b7D

Gladstone X (LNU)

On November 12, 1963, [REDACTED] advised that Gladstone X was then a member of NOI Mosque Number 7, New York City. b7D

Sidney 2X (LNU)

On December 4, 1963, [REDACTED] advised that Sidney 2X was then a member of NOI Mosque Number 7, New York City. b7D

The March 13, 1964 edition of "The New York Times", contained an article on page 20 relative to the above press conference of Malcolm X.

The March 14, 1964 edition of the "New York Amsterdam News" a Negro newspaper published weekly in New York, New York, contained on page 1, an article concerning the above actions of Malcolm X based on an exclusive interview with Malcolm X.

[REDACTED]

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FRUIT OF ISLAM

On July 10, 1963, a source advised that the Fruit of Islam (FOI) is a group within the Nation of Islam (NOI) composed of male members of the NOI. The purpose of the FOI is to protect officials and property of the NOI, assure compliance of members with NOI teachings and to prepare for the "War of Armageddon". Members of the FOI are required to participate in military drill and are afforded the opportunity to engage in judo training. The FOI is governed by a military system wherein the members are controlled by general orders similar to those issued by regular military organizations.

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MOSQUE #7, NEW YORK CITY

On May 3, 1963, a source advised that the Nation of Islam (NOI) affiliate in New York City is known as Mosque #7, also known as Temple #7, and is located at 102 West 116th Street, New York City. Mosque #7 is a part of the NOI headed by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, with headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Mosque #7 follows the policies and programs as set forth by ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.

The date Mosque #7 originated in New York City is not known.

However, in connection with the origin of Mosque #7, it should be noted that in 1953, a second source advised that there was a temple of the NOI (known to source then as the Muslim Cult of Islam) in New York City located at 135th Street and Seventh Avenue, as far back as 1947.

UNITED STATES

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Memorandum

TO: Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-399321)

DATE: 3/19/64

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (105-8999)

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anSUBJECT: MALCOLM K. LITTLE aka
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| Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) | | |
| Founder and Leader, Muslim Mosque Incorporated, Room 128, Hotel Theresa, 7th Avenue at 125th Street, New York, New York | | |
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-436332)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (105-8554) (RUC)

RE: MALCOLM K. LITTLE, aka
IS - NOI
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re Miami airtel 3/3/64.

CC TO: ...
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ANS. BY: ...

Enclosed for Bureau are ten copies of LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies are enclosed for New York and one each for Louisville and Chicago.

_____ said that _____ was a guest at the Hampton House at the same time MALCOLM was there. He said _____ and MALCOLM were quite friendly. He believed _____ was a member of the NOI as _____ and MALCOLM referred to each other as "brother." He also based this belief on the fact that _____ appeared to follow the dietary laws of the NOI, and as he dressed and kept himself neat and clean as do all NOI members. He also based this belief on the fact that after the LISTON - CLAY fight _____ came over and shook hands with MALCOLM and did not appear afraid to be seen with him in public.

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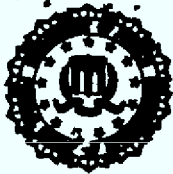
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He also said he believed [REDACTED] a Negro recording star from Los Angeles, was a Muslim because of his [REDACTED] friendship with MALCOLM X. b7c

Inasmuch as [REDACTED] did not have any more specific information re NOI membership of [REDACTED] this information is not being included in attached LHM. b7c

[REDACTED] said he believed all NOI members from the Miami area were followers of ELIJAH MOHAMMAD and if there should be an open break within that organization they would follow ELIJAH MOHAMMAD rather than MALCOLM X. He said he would keep the Miami Office advised should he receive any further information concerning a break within the NOI. b7c



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Miami, Florida
March 9, 1964

Re: MALCOLM K. LITTLE
INTERNAL SECURITY - NATION OF ISLAM

67D [REDACTED] was contacted on March 6, 1964. He said he was assigned to the [REDACTED] but during February, 1964, was on a special assignment with the [REDACTED]. The reason for this assignment was to cover the activities of MALCOLM X while he was in the Miami area.

67D [REDACTED] stated that MALCOLM stayed at the Hampton House, 4200 Northwest 27th Avenue, Miami. He stated MALCOLM soon became aware of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MALCOLM was very nice to him and he, [REDACTED] covered MALCOLM's activities by remaining in close personal contact with him. He stated he attended the LISTON-CLAY fight with MALCOLM with tickets given them by CASSIUS CLAY.

67D [REDACTED] stated that during his contact with MALCOLM, they developed a close personal friendship. He said he admired MALCOLM who appeared to him to be an intelligent, honest and sincere individual. MALCOLM openly attempted to recruit [REDACTED] into the Nation of Islam (NOI) and told him that they have several NOI members on the [REDACTED]

He stated MALCOLM convinced him that the NOI was a nationalistic type organization rather than a hate group. It was opposed to violence although there were some people in the organization who might occasionally become overly emotional and make violent type statements.

The NOI is characterized in the appendix attached hereto.

67D [REDACTED] stated he got the impression from conversations with MALCOLM that there are two factors within the NOI, one a "New York group," which followed MALCOLM's

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Re: MALCOLM K. LITTLE

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leadership. This group was comprised mainly of the more educated and intelligent Negroes from the eastern part of the U. S. The other "western group" followed the leadership of ELIJAH MOHAMMAD. This group is comprised mainly of uneducated Negroes. [REDACTED] said he himself was thinking of joining the "New York group." He said he told MALCOLM that he might join if he could get a dispensation from the NOI dietary laws. MALCOLM indicated to him that this might be possible in the near future and requested that he wait a short while.

MALCOLM told him that he was not completely opposed to the idea of integration, but that he did not believe integration would solve the problems of the American Negro. He feels the Negroes will be best off as a separate group within the white community. MALCOLM told him he believed in a Negro nationalistic group, and he was trying to instill this within the Negroes in the same way the Zionist movement is attempting to instill nationalistic feelings in the Jewish people.

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Re: MALCOLM K. LITTLE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-399321)

FROM: SAC, BOSTON (100-27649)

MALCOLM LITTLE
IS - NOI

MALCOLM LITTLE spoke on evening of 3/18/64, before group of students at Harvard University.

Coverage afforded talk by Boston.

Details will be submitted Bureau and New York.

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b7D On 3/19/64 [redacted] made available
the following information:

An unknown individual was in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD at which time ELIJAH stated he (ELIJAH) wanted to show the people that they could live as much success without him (believed referring to MALCOLM LITTLE) with Allah. ELIJAH said it was when they thought that he ELIJAH was in Phoenix and about to die. ELIJAH told the unknown person that if he found anyone of the followers leaning in that direction to throw them out. He said he (MALCOLM) wanted to be top man and not #2. ELIJAH stated he knew he (MALCOLM) would get no where with him. ELIJAH said if he (MALCOLM) did not obey let him stay out there until he rots.

b7C (ELIJAH MUHAMMAD believed in contact with [redacted])

ELIJAH MUHAMMAD commented [redacted] that upon referring to MALCOLM, he ELIJAH referred to him as "that no good long-legged MALCOLM". ELIJAH said the only way to stop him was to get rid of him the way Moses and the others did their bad ones. ELIJAH said you have to make an example out of the bad ones. He stated when you try to be peaceful and nice and love them they just jump up and try to take over. ELIJAH said he (MALCOLM) would just be around all the time nagging the group now. ELIJAH stated that with these hypocrites, when you find them cut their heads off. ELIJAH said he had just been in contact with [redacted] about MALCOLM.

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This information has not been put in a letterhead memorandum because of [REDACTED] involved and because the Phoenix Division feels this data should not be disseminated outside the Bureau and be used only for lead and intelligence purposes. b7D

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SAC, New York (105-8999)

March 27, 1964

Director, FBI (100-399321)

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MALCOLM K. LITTLE, aka
Malcolm X, Malcolm Shabazz,
Malik Shabazz
SECURITY MATTER - NOI

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The Identification Division is in receipt of a teletype from the Office of the District Attorney, Pointe a la Hache, Louisiana, requesting photographs and other information concerning subject. Copies of available photograph and identification record are being forwarded.

For the information of New Orleans, subject was until recently the minister of Muslim Mosque #7, Nation of Islam (NOI), New York City. The NOI is an all Negro semireligious group which preaches hatred against the white race. Little was suspended from his NOI position by Elijah Muhammad, National Leader of the NOI, after Little publicly referred to the assassination of President Kennedy as "chickens coming home to roost." Little has recently been completely separated from the NOI and is in the process of organizing Muslim Mosque, Incorporated, which he states will be more militant than the NOI in that it will participate actively in civil rights and racial demonstrations. Little has publicly stated that he believes members of his new organization should possess shotguns and rifles with which to defend themselves.

Enclosed for New York and New Orleans is one copy each of the identification record pertaining to subject. New Orleans is requested to discreetly determine,

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RE: MALCOLM K. LITTLE, aka
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if feasible, the interest in the subject of the District Attorney's Office at Pointe a la Hache and whether that Office is aware of any plans of Little to visit Louisiana. If this can be done without embarrassment to the Bureau, the Bureau and New York Office should be promptly advised of information developed.

The New York Office is reminded that in view of Little's current activities, publicity and national prominence, it is important that his activities be given all coverage which is practical and the Bureau kept closely advised of his statements, pertinent activities and travels throughout the country.

67D [REDACTED]
in order that the Bureau may be kept fully and currently informed not only concerning Little's activities but concerning the new organization which he is founding.

NOTE:

Subject's name included in Security Index.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

SUBJECT: NATION OF ISLAM
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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, copies of which were sent to Louisville, New York, and Phoenix, dated 3/20/64.

The information set forth hereinafter pertains to activities of MALCOLM LITTLE, activities at ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's Mosque in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and

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MALCOLM LITTLE:

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The data was made available on the dates indicated [REDACTED] and is as follows: **b7D**

March 23, 1964

[REDACTED] **b7c**
X4

March 24, 1964

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were in contact with ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in Phoenix, Arizona. [REDACTED] stated the brother secretary had come in this morning and had given him a run-down on how things stand "out there" and wanted to know if he can go to Phoenix and bring MUHAMMAD up to date. MUHAMMAD asked if [REDACTED] was talking about #12 (Muhammad's Mosque #12 in Philadelphia). [REDACTED] replied "#7" (Muhammad's Mosque #7, New York City), as the brother secretary had gone to both places. **b7c**
MUHAMMAD replied he was intending to come to Chicago on March 25 or on March 26 for sure. He commented they had to save money. **X4**

[REDACTED] **b7c**
X4

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[REDACTED] stated that one thing is certain and that is that he (probably MALCOLM) is using MUHAMMAD's name and is pretending to be in good with him and is only feuding with the laborers here, the family. 67c
X4

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] has returned (believed to be from Muhammad's Mosque #12, Philadelphia) and the teaching had gone fine but he received the same thing that [REDACTED] got when he was there. [REDACTED] continued that they had started letting go and letting [REDACTED] know what was what. ELIJAH stated there were three or four brothers who have taken over the store claiming it was in debt and they had to pay \$700 and want someone to lend them the money. ELIJAH stated he had written them and had told them it was their own fault. X4

[REDACTED] then spoke to MUHAMMAD stating he had just come from the East Coast. He stated the laborers are with MUHAMMAD and the program but primarily in Boston, Springfield, and New York, he (MALCOLM) is dealing with new people who don't understand. b7c
X4

[REDACTED] continued: They are under the impression he is Divinely inspired. He is using the instance that PAUL had to go to CAESAR because it was his duty to confront CAESAR. He was on the radio in Boston stating he did not go of his own accord. He always makes the threat that if he is pushed, he will tell more. At the same time he is going around, like he has a sister in Boston, going around, gathering up ones out of the Temple, plus weak ones, and he is telling lies. b7c
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MUHAMMAD replied that these things have to be fulfilled, commenting he has it in an article this week under [redacted] name. [redacted] stated that in Boston, he is telling individual stories about [redacted] and about [redacted] (JR.)

b7C
Xh

MUHAMMAD replied he had written his (MALCOLM's) brother in Detroit, (probably WILFRED E. LITTLE, Minister of Muhammad's Mosque #1, Detroit) and had told him the consequences stating they were not going to tolerate what they tolerated in 1935. MUHAMMAD stated he told him his brother was going crazy and it would be wise for him to talk to him because at this rate he was going to get himself in trouble.

Xh

[redacted] stated that in New York, he is going around telling the same thing because [redacted]

[redacted] who is not with MALCOLM, reported what MALCOLM is going around telling the people on the outside there. [redacted] stated that yesterday MALCOLM sent a car full of some six brothers to park in front of the restaurant and they were supposed to see [redacted] and advise him of what to do and what not to do. MUHAMMAD stated that [redacted] can put a stop to that and can tell the law the consequences. MUHAMMAD stated this would clear his side because he had notified them but in the meantime, [redacted] can get six brothers to take care of him. [redacted] stated that [redacted] had called the police one time before, and this is what they are warning him not to do again. MUHAMMAD replied: Let him tell the original brothers there, the officers there, tell him the consequences of these things and also tell the other five too, or go down to the real place and tell the people there they are interfering and the man looks like he is heading for trouble and we like to notify you.

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67C [redacted] stated "he" has an assistant minister as a spy in New York and when they read the comments MUHAMMAD made concerning MALCOLM in the "New York Times" concerning a person who deviates in the Temple on Sunday in New York, the assistant minister got up to protest. He said he was going to speak in the name of Allah but he wanted to protest because nothing should be said about this man unless he was brought face to face before the body. [redacted] says they got him out of there in a hurry. R4

67C [redacted] continued that MALCOLM has been going around, like in Philadelphia over the radio, saying he was not seeking your followers but then he adds that if any want to come to him, it is well and good. X4

MUHAMMAD replied that the thing of it is that those there should put a stop to it. He stated that if the law won't put a stop to it they should "tell ours" to put a stop to it. They can put a stop to it and they need just a few. X4

67C [redacted] stated that there was another thing, the lawyer should have a letter from Chicago notifying him that Minister MALCOLM no longer exists with the Nation and has been terminated from his position. [redacted] continued that with this, the lawyer could prepare his papers to have MALCOLM removed from the house. MUHAMMAD told [redacted] to go ahead with the paper. X4

67C [redacted] repeated that the majority of the people are with MUHAMMAD adding MALCOLM has a few spies with him. [redacted] stated that the people in the street are also with MUHAMMAD. X4

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(The information pertaining to MALCOLM's recruitment activities in Boston and Springfield, Massachusetts, as well as in New York City, has been put in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.)

[REDACTED] then told MUHAMMAD that [REDACTED] was saying this morning that [REDACTED] was wondering if MUHAMMAD could tell [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] and he (probably MALCOLM) is trying to use [REDACTED] or get him in a position to say different things that he can use in an effort to embarrass MUHAMMAD. JH

MUHAMMAD instructed [REDACTED] to do that himself and to tell him that he, MUHAMMAD, said so. MUHAMMAD stated that [REDACTED] word is official and [REDACTED] should get in touch with him. MUHAMMAD stated that [REDACTED] b7c JH

MUHAMMAD then spoke about the Temple in Philadelphia stating he knows of the report against [REDACTED] b7c JH

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Chicago will continue to follow these matters closely. Phoenix should do the same. Chicago is not putting the above information in a letterhead memorandum as it is intelligence material and should be used for leads. It is felt that dissemination of material of this type would [REDACTED]

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Re Chicago airtel to Director, cc to New York
 but not Detroit, dated 3/25/64; Chicago airtel to Director
 ccs to Detroit and New York, dated 3/26/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Detroit and
 New York are 12, 3 and 4 copies respectively of a letter-
 head memorandum (LHM) pertaining to MALCOLM LITTLE and his
 new organization, Muslim Mosque, Inc., and also to NOI reactions
 to LITTLE and this organization.

The enclosed LHM is being classified secret because

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 (2 - 105-) (MALCOLM LITTLE)
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As the Bureau was advised by Chicago airtel to Director dated 3/25/64, [REDACTED] advised on 3/22/64 that MALCOLM LITTLE was scheduled to appear on "At Random" Saturday night, 3/28/64. For the information of the Bureau MALCOLM is to appear on "Kup's" Show, Channel 7 Television, 3/28/64. This is a local television panel show, moderated by IRV KUPCINET, a local television personality. Chicago has made arrangements to tape the pertinent information and it will be forwarded to Bureau by appropriate communication. b7D

With regard to MALCOLM's appearance in Chicago, information has been furnished [REDACTED] to the effect that MALCOLM LITTLE is in Chicago at present (3/27/64). This has not been verified as yet. b7D

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[REDACTED] spoke about the
messenger having okayed a statement written by [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] MALCOLM LITTLE brother
of Muslim Mosque Number
in which [REDACTED] denounces [REDACTED] b7C
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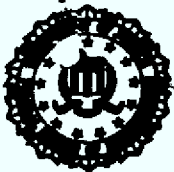
On 3/26/64 SA [REDACTED] Channel 2 television, on which channel the show "At Random", a local television panel-type show appears. They advised that the participants in the show on 3/28/64 have not as yet been decided, but would be announced in papers on Saturday morning. b7C
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Chicago will follow this matter and if [REDACTED] appears on "At Random" it will be taped and pertinent information will be forwarded the Bureau by appropriate communication. b7c

Chicago recommends that the Bureau in making a decision as to whether the enclosed LHM should be disseminated or not, consider that [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] It is recommended the information be disseminated only if absolutely necessary.



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Chicago, Illinois
March 27, 1964

NATION OF ISLAM
INTERNAL SECURITY -
NATION OF ISLAM

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In late March, 1964, [REDACTED] advised as follows:

Elijah Muhammad was told by officials of the NOI that Malcolm Little had, on March 23, 1964, sent six of his followers to see one of the leaders of Elijah Muhammad's Mosque in New York City with instructions to tell him what to do and what not to do. Muhammad instructed that the police in New York City be notified that Little was interfering and that they should be told of the consequences which might come from acts of this type. Muhammad stated that if the law will not put a stop to this "our own should be told to do it".

Muhammad was also told by NOI leaders that Malcolm Little was using his name, was pretending to be in good with him, and was only feuding with his, Muhammad's, family.

Muhammad stated he had instructed Malcolm Little's brother in Detroit, Michigan, to talk to Malcolm because Malcolm was going to get himself in trouble at the rate he was going.

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The "Chicago Sun Times", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, in its Four Star Final edition of March 27, 1964, on page four, carried an article titled "Brother Bitterly Condemns Malcolm X" by Linn Allen. This article reflected that Philbert X, a minister of Muhammad's Mosque of Islam in a four-city Michigan area, had held a press conference at the Muslim Restaurant, the Shabazz, 616 East 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois. The article continued that Philbert had indicated he had spoken previously with his elder brother, Wilfred X, minister of Elijah Muhammad's Temple in Detroit. The article continued that Philbert had delivered an unprecedented public attack on his younger brother, Malcolm X Little, calling him "cunning and clever" and stating his "reckless efforts...will cause many of our unsuspecting people who listen and follow him unnecessary loss of blood and life". The article continued that Philbert X stated as follows:

"'Ordinarily, I would not suggest the airing of differences between brothers to outsiders and especially to a news media, but because of the grave consequences of recent events, I submit to this medium.'

'Malcolm gained great prestige as the result of his association with the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and now he wants to use this prestige to lead the followers of Islam astray,' Philbert claimed.

Philbert asserted his brother 'would do anything' to achieve fame and to slander Muhammad out of a feeling of revenge.

'Malcolm has always prided himself on being a great user of people, especially women,' the minister continued, 'and now he seeks to prevail upon women who unfortunately were weak and went contrary to Islam.'

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He said that through women Malcolm would induce men to leave the movement and accuse influential Muslims of misconduct.

He told reporters:

'I beseech you to warn those who may be taken in by my brother's desire to promote his own selfish end.'

The March 13, 1964, edition of the "New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on Page 20 which reflected that Malcolm X, the former head of the NOI Mosque in New York City, had broken with the NOI and with Elijah Muhammad on March 8, 1964, and that on March 12, 1964, Malcolm X had announced he would form his own mosque in New York City and it would be a meeting place for his muslim followers as well as the base of a politically oriented Black nationalist movement.

On March 16, 1964, [REDACTED] Clerk of Court, New York County, New York, New York, advised that on March 16, 1964, incorporation papers were filed for the Muslim Mosque, Inc.; that Malcolm Little was one of the trustees of this corporation, and that the principal place of worship was to be in the Borough of Manhattan, New York County, New York. 670

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APPENDIX

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly referred to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

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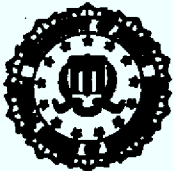
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INTERNAL SECURITY -
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Reference

Memorandum of Special
Agent [REDACTED]
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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35635)

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Re Chicago airtel to the Director, ccs to Detroit
and New York, 3/27/64.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau, Detroit and
New York are 12, 4 and 3 copies respectively of a letterhead
memorandum pertaining to a press conference held by MALCOLM
LITTLE in Chicago on 3/28/64.

As noted in referenced airtel, MALCOLM LITTLE appeared
on "Kup's Show", Channel 7 television, Chicago, on the night of
3/28/64. This show was taped and is in the process of being
transcribed by the Chicago Office at present. Comments made by

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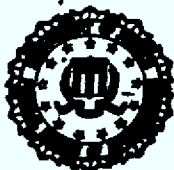
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MALCOLM were of the type that have appeared in newspapers in recent days of various press conferences held by him. Upon transcription of this tape, pertinent data will be furnished to the Bureau and New York.

As noted in referenced airtel, NOI officials discussed the possibility of having either [REDACTED] appear on "At Random", Channel 2 television, during the evening of 3/28/64. Neither individual appeared on this show. WC



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Chicago, Illinois

3/31/64

NATION OF ISLAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - NOI

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The "Chicago Sunday Tribune", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, in its Two Star City Edition of March 29, 1964, on Page 20, carried an article titled, "Malcolm X Not Upset by Brother's Attack". The article reflected as follows:

"Malcolm X, former Black Muslim leader and now head of what he calls the Black Nationalism party, said here yesterday that his brother, Philbert, a Black Muslim minister, was using someone else's words when he attacked him last Thursday for splitting with the Black Muslims.

"Malcolm, in Chicago to appear on a television show, said at a press conference that he thinks his brother was forced to make the statement, but he wouldn't say who it was that applied the force.

"Calls Malcolm a 'Brutus'

"Philbert X, a Muslim minister in Michigan, by implication called Malcolm 'a Brutus, a Benedict Arnold' for breaking with the Muslims and said Malcolm may be the victim of 'great mental illness.'

"Malcolm asserted that he was misquoted in the press when he urged Negroes to buy rifles at the time he announced the formation of the Black Nationalist group.

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"What I said," he continued, "was that they should have the rifles to defend themselves in those parts of the country where the government either can't or won't defend them."

"Tells His Aims

"Malcolm said that the aims of the Black Nationalist movement are political, economic, and social, rather than religious. As such, he added, it will be able to work to bring equality for Negroes that the Muslims, who never take an active part, can not do.

"He said it will encourage Negroes to form their own economic base by owning factories and hiring other Negroes, will work to eradicate alcoholism and drug addiction among Negroes, and take whatever political action it can.

"He added that he doubts if Negroes in the United States will ever get equality without outside help and that their case should be taken up in the United Nations.

"The Negro will never get justice in Uncle Sam's courts," he said. "He will be forced to take Uncle Sam into the world court."

Similar articles appeared in the "Chicago's Sunday American", Five Star Final Edition of March 29, 1964, on Page 22, and in the "Chicago Sun Times", Five Star Final Turf Edition of March 28, 1964, on Page 35, under captions of "Malcolm X Backs Negro Rights Fight" and "Brother Fears What I Will Say: Malcolm X", respectively. These are both daily newspapers published in Chicago, Illinois.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-441765)

April 3, 1964

SAC, BOSTON (100-35713) (RUC)

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED
IS-S; RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: NEW YORK)

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Re Bureau letter to New York dated March 24, 1964.

Enclosed for the Bureau are original and eight copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter. One copy of which is designated for Bureau File 100-339321 captioned "MALCOLM K. LITTLE, aka., IS-NOI." Enclosed for New York are three copies of the letterhead memorandum, one copy of which is designated for New York File 100-105899 captioned, "MALCOLM K. LITTLE, IS-NOI."

Also enclosed for New York is a tape recording of the "Bob Kennedy Show" of March 24, 1964, on which show MALCOLM K appeared as a guest. It is being left to the judgment of the New York Office whether this tape should be retained or destroyed.

[REDACTED] can be made available only following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum [REDACTED]

by SA [REDACTED]

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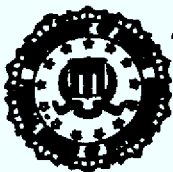
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Boston, Massachusetts

April 3, 1964

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On March 19, 1964, [REDACTED] b7D
Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised
that Malcolm X spoke at Leverett House, Harvard University,
on March 18, 1964. The occasion was one of the periodic
seminars held at Leverett House, and Malcolm X's appearance
was arranged by a teaching fellow at Harvard University,
[REDACTED]

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According to [REDACTED] Malcolm X stated that he was starting
a new movement which he believes will change this country's
foreign and domestic policies by giving Negroes political,
social and economic philosophy.

Malcolm X stated his new movement is not "anti anything."
He wants the black man to control the politics in his own
residential areas by voting, helping to choose and to
support their own candidates. He wishes them to become
economically sound by owning and investing in the businesses
within the Negro areas, and he feels that they should become
socially sound by complete separation from white people
and organizing their own separate society. He proceeded
that the Negro has become disillusioned with non-violent
action and would be ready for any action which will get
immediate results in their goal for Civil Rights. Malcolm
X stated that the Negro realizes he is being exploited and
lied to and is sick of it.

b7D [REDACTED] stated that the above is the substance of
Malcolm X's talk to the students at Leverett House. This
was followed by a question and answer period. Malcolm X
was asked if he was advocating a bloody revolution. He
denied this and pointed out that the Negro has bled all
the time, but the white man does not recognize this as
bloodshed and will not until the white man himself bleeds
a little.

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Malcolm X claimed that there has never been a revolution without bloodshed. In answer to another inquiry, he stated that he did not believe there was any way in which he could love the white man.

b7D [redacted] stated that the seminar went off quietly and without anyone's emotions being stirred up. He stated that the two other members of the seminar were Professor James Q. Wilson and Martin L. Kilson, both of Harvard University, who stated that in their opinion Malcolm X's third party for Black Nationalists would not succeed.

b7D The "Harvard Crimson," a daily publication of the students of Harvard University, in its March 19, 1964, edition and the "Boston Globe" and "Boston Herald," both daily newspapers published in Boston, Massachusetts, in their March 19, 1964, editions carried articles concerning Malcolm X's appearance at Leverett House, Harvard University. All articles were the same in substance as the remarks of [redacted] as set out above.

b7D [redacted] advised on March 24, 1964, [redacted] had received the following information concerning Malcolm X.

Malcolm X was in the Roxbury section of Boston, Massachusetts on the afternoon of March 24, 1964, and was being driven around in a car with Massachusetts Registration 639-765. About 4:30 p.m. on the afternoon of March 24, 1964, this car stopped on Fayston Street near the corner of Blue Hill Avenue, and Malcolm X, accompanied by two other male Negroes, left the car and crossed Blue Hill Avenue entering the Arabian Market at 305 Blue Hill Avenue.

[redacted] advised that this store is operated by a man whose identity is unknown to [redacted] but whom [redacted] knows to be a member of Nation of Islam Temple No. 11, Dorchester, Massachusetts. Malcolm X spent approximately ten minutes in the Market talking to a group of five Negroes. He left the store with his two companions, recrossed Blue Hill Avenue, and entered the Original Pastry Shop, 280A Blue Hill Avenue, which [redacted] advised is also operated by a member of Nation of Islam Temple No. 11. [redacted] stated that this shop serves as a restaurant and has become a meeting place

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for members of Nation of Islam Temple No. 11. Malcolm X spent approximately fifteen minutes in this shop, again talking to a group of Negroes. He then returned to the car and was driven to the corner of Intervale Street and Warren Street in Roxbury, Massachusetts.

A group of eight male Negroes dressed very neatly in the Muslim manner were waiting on the corner. Malcolm X left the car and spoke to them for a few minutes. Then accompanied by the same two male companions, he entered a second car parked on Warren Street. This car already contained two male Negroes and had North Carolina Registration HB 651. On entering this car, he was driven away.

[REDACTED] stated that the group of eight Negroes with whom Malcolm X talked on the corner of Intervale and Warren Streets appeared to have been waiting for Malcolm's appearance, since once Malcolm X left, the group dispersed. b7D

[REDACTED] advised that one of the Negroes in the car with Massachusetts Registration is known to [REDACTED] to be [REDACTED] and to be a Muslim and member of Nation of Islam Temple No. 11 in Dorchester, Massachusetts. b7D

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] during the afternoon talked about Malcolm X and stated that anybody interested in the recruiting or working for Malcolm X's new group could get information about it at the Hotel Teresa in New York City. [REDACTED] stated that all that was necessary was to ask for Malcolm X's room and talk to Brother James 67X, who would be found in Malcolm's room and who is in charge of recruiting and organizing. [REDACTED] stated that from what [REDACTED] stated during the afternoon, it would appear that Malcolm X had been in the Roxbury section of Boston in an effort to recruit members to his new organization.

[REDACTED] advised that one of the two male Negroes who accompanied Malcolm X whenever he left the automobile, is identical with one of the three Negroes who visited Boston in October, 1963, in connection with revising the Marcus Garvey Movement. [REDACTED] was unable to learn the identity of this person, but described him as being in his late thirties, 5'10" tall, 150 pounds, slender build, dark complexion, wears glasses, neatly dressed, wears bow tie and having closely cropped hair. This man was also present with Malcolm X during part of the broadcast by Malcolm X at Radio Station WBZ, Boston, Massachusetts, on the evening b7D

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of March 24, 1964. [REDACTED] stated that Malcolm X was accompanied to Radio Station WBZ by at least eleven male Negroes, nine of whom entered the lobby of the station and two of whom remained in the automobile bearing the North Carolina Registration in the parking lot of the Radio Station. b7D

The records of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, 100 Nashua Street, Boston, Massachusetts, checked on March 26, 1964, show that Massachusetts Registration 639-765 was issued to [REDACTED] Dorchester, Massachusetts for a 1963 black Dodge sedan.

On April 12, 1963, [REDACTED] it was ascertained from [REDACTED] of the Nation of Islam Temple No. 11, Dorchester, Massachusetts, that [REDACTED] Dorchester, could give detailed information concerning the availability of a speaker to discuss the teachings of the Muslims or to furnish details concerning the Muslim program. A characterization of the Nation of Islam and the Nation of Islam Temple No. 11 is attached to this memorandum. b7C b7E

[REDACTED] made available the following information on March 25, 1964. b7D

The "Bob Kennedy Show," a program of Radio Station WBZ, Boston, Massachusetts, which is run nightly from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., on March 24, 1964, had as its guest speaker Malcolm X Shabazz identified as having been the spokesman for Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Black Muslims, until recently silenced by Elijah Muhammad. The subject of the program on that evening was to be "Negro - Separation and Supremacy."

Bob Kennedy, the moderator of the program, introduced Malcolm X as leader of the Black Muslims, Harlem Mosque, now called Muslim Mosque, Incorporated. Bob Kennedy stated that the discussion in the program would touch on how the break between Elijah Muhammad and Malcolm X came about after Malcolm X had served so long and so well, how Malcolm X's outlook has changed and what he feels his roll is in the Civil Rights Strife now troubling the country.

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Bob Kennedy stated that Louis Lomax, noted Negro author, who wrote the book "When the Word Is Given" concerning the Black Muslims, would participate in the program over a telephone line.

Malcolm X stated that his religion is still Islam, and he is still a Muslim and a believer in Elijah Muhammad's teachings. He stated that everything he knows and has learned is a result of Elijah Muhammad's doing.

Malcolm X was questioned as to whether or not his being silenced by Elijah Muhammad was actually the result of a statement he had made shortly after the death of President John F. Kennedy or whether Elijah Muhammad had "dismissed" him because he was getting too popular with the Muslims and threatened the leadership of Elijah Muhammad, and this leadership being passed on to Elijah Muhammad's son and son-in-law.

Malcolm X stated that his statement "The chicken had gone home to roost" when mentioning the death of President John F. Kennedy had been taken out of context. He stated that at the time the topic of his talk was "God's Judgment on White America," he had been trying to demonstrate that White America was reaping the harvest of the seed she had sown and had been using incidents all over the world to illustrate this. His remark about "The chicken had gone home to roost" was meant as another illustration of the misfortunes that had come to the United States and was not meant to show any kind of relief over the unfortunate death of the President.

He stated that all these incidents that he was using as illustrations were merely prophecies of the Bible coming true and that he had pointed out he was happy to see these prophecies coming true, and he did not mean that he was happy about the death of the President.

As to the threatened passage of power of Elijah Muhammad to himself, he said he had nothing to say on that subject.

Malcolm X was asked what he hoped to accomplish by breaking off with Elijah Muhammad and starting out on his own. He stated he believes in the teachings of Elijah Muhammad, but that in following the teachings of Elijah Muhammad, he ran into obstacles which he could not handle and still abide by Muhammad's teachings.

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He believes that only by independent action can Elijah Muhammad's teachings be put into effect by himself. He defined his Black Nationalism as the black man having political, social and economic control in the areas in which he lives. He stated that he believes the black man should eventually go back to his home land in Africa, but that meanwhile he had to live with the situation as it exists and in organizing Black Nationalism he is attempting to find a logical way for the black man to do this.

Malcolm X stated he had no desire to compete with other leaders or organizations. He stated that 1963 has been an explosive year in America, and gave as an example the recent conflict between white and black in Jacksonville, Florida. He stated that the Negroes have been frustrated and sick of only promises. In order to obtain what the Negroes are after, they might have to make the supreme sacrifice and he believes that the younger generation is ready to make it.

Malcolm X stated that he is for reciprocal bloodshed. So far, only the Negroes have shed blood, and this is not looked on as bloodshed by the whites. White blood has to be shed before the white man will consider a conflict as a bloody one.

Malcolm X stated that on March 14, 1964, he attended a conference in Chester, Pennsylvania. Some of those attending were such persons as the Reverend Milton Gilamison, a Civil Rights leader in New York City, Gloria Richardson, Civil Rights leader from Cambridge, Maryland, and Dick Gregory and Stanley Brock. This group founded an organization to be known as "Act." Malcolm X stated the initials do not mean anything. A Mr. Landry, who headed the Chicago School Boycott, recently was elected chairman of the group. This group is designed to act anytime, anywhere and in any manner necessary to bring about results. This group is no more committed to passive resistance.

Malcolm X predicted that Martin Luther King must devise a new approach in the coming year or he will be a man without followers. Malcolm X stated that he has received letters from coast to coast supporting him. Ninety per cent of these are from Negro college students, all of whom are eager to be part of a militant action group.

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At this point in the "Bob Kennedy Show" telephone calls were accepted from listeners who wished to propose questions for Malcolm X. Some of these questions had to do with the subject of Cassius Clay, Heavy Weight Boxing Champion of the World, and the proposed attempt to take away his championship because of his association with the Muslim Movement.

Near the end of the program, Mr. Lewis Lomax stated that he believes Malcolm X articulates for the majority of Negroes who believe the same as he does. Lomax described Malcolm X as a much more dangerous man now that he has become an activist. Lomax stated that now Malcolm X will be more readily accepted as a leader in the Civil Rights Movement.

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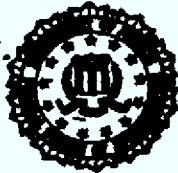
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Re: Malcolm K. Little

670 [REDACTED] advised on April 1, 1964, that Malcolm K. Little will be the principal speaker at the Group On Advanced Leadership (GOAL), Legal Fund Rally to be held at the King Solomon Baptist Church at 14th and Marquette Streets, Detroit, Michigan, on April 12, 1964, at 5:00 p.m.

GOAL was organized in October of 1961 and incorporated in Michigan as a non-profit, educational corporation in April, 1962. GOAL was organized to hasten the Negro's achievement of full human rights and full human responsibilities.

670 [REDACTED] advised on April 7, 1964, that he has received information that the Congress on Racial Equality will picket the King Solomon Baptist Church at 4:30 p.m. on April 12, 1964, to protest the appearance of Malcolm K. Little.

Malcolm K. Little is a former Minister of the Nation of Islam (NOI) Temple in New York City and has completely broken from the NOI and has formed Muslim Mosque, Incorporated, with temporary headquarters located in the Hotel Theresa, 2090 7th Avenue, New York City, New York.

A characterization of the NOI appears in the appendix hereto

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, formerly referred to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, Also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

FRUIT OF ISLAM

MUSLIM GIRLS TRAINING

Nation of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam",

On July 10, 1963, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960, MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam".

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by ALLAH, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils", in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon".

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Act and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

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